

C. S. O.

(Formerly)

SUBJECT :

BROADCASTING IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

MED/BRO/4#3

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11/46.

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CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER AND YEAR.

15/34, 11/46
46/39
0663/A
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0663/C
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0663/E
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0663/G
0663/H

"Broadcasting in the Falkland Islands"

" " " " "

Broadcast Committee

Stanley Re-diffusion Service.

Equipment for.

Payment for use of records.

Overseas Programmes.

B'casting Handbook

News Studio

Norwegian B'Cast Announcer

Announcements

- material for.
(plays etc)

~~EXTRACT~~ FROM REPORT BY SUPERVISOR, CAMP EDUCATION OF 2/5/48.
(Original filed in C/2/45 - Reports by S.E. & S.C.E.).

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12. RADIO RECEPTION.

I took notes of the reception from the Stanley Broadcasting Station for the morning, evening, and Sunday broadcasts.

Locality.	Morning.	Evening.	Sunday.
Long Island.	good.	fair	poor.
Green Tatch	fair	poor	impossible
Johnson's Harbour	very good	very good	very good
Rincon Grande	very good	good	fair.
San Salvador	very good	good	fair.
Teal Inlet	fair	poor	poor.
Douglas Station	fair	poor	poor.
Port San Carlos	usually good	good	good.
San Carlos	fairly good	variable	usually good

Many people complained that, although the volume was usually sufficient, the broadcasts were difficult to understand owing to interference and a tendency to "boominess" as though the transmitter was carrying too great a load. Words were often broken up and syllables lost. Reception everywhere was better - however slightly in some cases - during the hours of daylight, and a fading off noticeable towards night-time.

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2
S.E.T.

A.

You will be interested to
see p.1.

B.

L
11.8

Am C.S

P.1. See thank you. I am afraid there
is not very much we can do with the present
equipment.

AM. SET
12.8.48

PAL
13/8

Port Howard,
West Falklands,
4/8/48

V. Penick
pt. pt.
early
20.8
Colonial Secretary,
Stanley,

Dear Sir,

I wish to bring to the attention of the appropriate authority the inconvenience caused to Camp listeners by the lack of punctuality of those responsible for broadcasts, in particular the daily weather forecasts. On Saturday the 24th July I switched on the radio at 1730 hrs and tuned to Stanley. At 1808 hrs the weather forecast was eventually read. In between a considerable amount of current must have been consumed by all those Campers who waited like myself all that time. Since most listeners outside Stanley have battery sets and rely on windchargers to charge their batteries 38 minutes wasted is no small item, more particularly at this time of year when there is not so much wind as in the summer months. Having kept us waiting so long the announcer did not even have the decency to apologise for the delay. I am quite aware that due to the system of land lines in Stanley itself this hardly affects the town listeners. If it did I have no doubt that the matter would have been put right some time ago.

Reply at 10

4- I realise it is quite possible that weather forecaste may not be ready on time, in such cases wou it not be possible for an announcement to this effect to be made at the proper time ~~and~~ stating when the forecate would be broadcast. I feel sure that such action would be greatly appreciated by Camp listeners and save considerable ill-feeling and bad temper.

Yours Truly
Robert Walmesley

I.O. 3-4
He spoke about his very matter
before you left a line. Re. Dr. &
Mike reply, let me know what
is being done to secure punctuality.
This is a most reasonable complaint.

OKS
Seen and. Reply being drafted. of.
Walmesley mentioned this matter to me
when I saw him. of. Jack Naughton was
present. KNC
23/8/48.

HCS

A.

X/ on 3 - 4. Suggest in view of telegram from West some time ago asking that weather forecast be broadcast at 18.50 hrs, and that forecast at 17.30 hrs is mainly intended for Stanley, reply should be based on following lines. I spoke to Met. Officer on point of time and suggested that broadcast should be made at 17.45 hrs. Replied that this would probably be better, but was not prepared that he or his staff should do broadcast. Has asked for file to add own observations. Draft reply attached.

KAC 24/8/48.

Met. Officer.

B.

In your memo, re

L
24.8

C.

H.C.S., In so far as the met. broadcasts are concerned, you already know that it is difficult to be punctual on every occasion, because extra time is sometimes required to analyse a difficult synoptic situation. (Para 2 of draft letter is a mis-statement.)

There is never very much time to spare and any difficulty with transport is likely to cause a delay on the particular occasion referred to by Mr. West. I mislaid my key to the studio and the E & T announcer in the following Childrens Programme at 17.30, obligingly read the forecast for me.

2. It would, of course, be more punctual if the forecasts were issued rather later but it is desirable that the broadcasts should be made as early as possible so that early morning may be free of dangerous weather conditions.

A later broadcast would also lengthen my, and McNamilton's, working day - this is already 0845-1745 - unless I.O. proposes to take the broadcast himself or to arrange for an E & T announcer to be present. Neither of these courses would be well satisfactory since it is better for the duty forecast.

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3. The present system, then, is to relay the forecast, over both the loudspeaker and broadcast systems, as close to 5.30 as possible (this being primarily for Stanley listeners), and to repeat it at 6.50 for the benefit of the Westons (See att'd copy of a letter from the West - the second part of para 4 in I.O.'s draft was a suggestion from me to the Westons, not vice versa, as he states).

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ed be an improvement if, as your correspondent suggests, transmitter could be switched on at 5.30 and an announcement made, on the occasions when it is late, stating when it will be available.

How broadcast is always repeated, the Westons are listening, occasions when the late; the extra work involved in having 5.30 each day, does not as reliable?

5. By para 6 of the do. that the Westons have proposed visited the H.C. office during time of weather forecasts were discussed suggested changing the times of transmission several mentioned how important forecasts should be punctual

McNa about times broadcasts during the opinion appeared to the would be too early for any up.

6. Under the wires. I can see any change - unless it is as in

G.H. -
26.8.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

~~SENT.~~

Received

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

To

A.

Met. officer, Stanley.

We appreciate weather forecast
very useful but, as work begins
camp time, unless forecast
no one will be

Winds.

Recd 1st January 1948.

9. 4
26.8.

B.

It is not my job to pass this
paper round to Officer command.

Time

3 was addressed to me as

8
A.
I.O. is in effect "Broadcast

Officer" in that someone must
ultimately be responsible for it. I
sent 4 to him. He submits
a draft reply ^{with} 12. Met. Officer -
those whom it is who clearly
shd. have been consulted - has
found fault.

2. May I be enabled to
reply to 3 with accuracy -
reasonableness?

L
26.8

B.

10

to note from 5^c onwards.

2 Will you please consult Met.
Officer and then submit a draft reply
to 3 as required in para. 2 of A above.

Ref. 10.
26/5/48.

A.

H.C.S.

X/ on 3-4 as required in para 2 of A(8). In view of paras 1,2,4 and 5 of C5 and 6, suggest that reply to Mr. Walmsley should be as follows. Met. Officer has seen this and agrees. Draft reply is attached.

KAC

31.8.48

B

Met. Officer.

I believe you have suggested replying to 3. I shall be happy if you would do so, saying that the matter has been referred to you.

3.8

C

H.C.S.

(adcoms)

Met. Officer

D

V. sensitive - keep the R. fair. For copy to I.O. to take home on Sunday - for W.N. only 'potter'.

2. And copy for his file.

3. A lot of copywriting time has been wasted in that might have been done at 4.

9.9

E

H.C.S.

Hand copy enclosed.

10

H.C.S.

2. I.O. may care house attd. notes in W.N.?

if statement has been used for

KAC, 11/10/48

10
Meteorological Office,
Stanley.
9th ~~October~~ ^{September}, 1948.

Dear Mr. Warmnsley,

3 The Colonial Secretary has asked me to reply to your letter, dated 4th August, about the lack of punctuality of broadcasts - in particular the weather forecasts.

2. I realise the inconvenience which this causes to camp listeners, but there is little we can do to secure punctuality of the 5.30 broadcast, since extra time is occasionally required to analyse a difficult synoptic situation. Actually, the 5.30 transmission is intended mainly for Stanley listeners who, as you remark, are not seriously inconvenienced by the occasional delays. It is issued as soon as possible after the completion of the afternoon map, so that early warnings of gales or sudden changes can be given, and is transmitted over the radio as well as the local diffusion system, so that this service may also be available to any camp listeners requiring it.

3. In planning the 5.30 broadcast it was appreciated that people using battery sets could not be expected to listen for an indefinite period, and it is for this reason that the forecast is repeated daily at 6.50 camp time - this time having been adopted at the request of the West farmers made early this year. (You may not have been aware of this previously?)

4. I suggest, therefore, that you will obtain the best service from the 6.50 transmission, which is always punctual, and that you should only use the 5.30 transmission when you require up-to-date information for that evening. You will note that the morning forecast is current for 12 hours and the 5.30 forecast is therefore only of importance when there are likely to be sudden and previously unforeseen changes during the evening.

5. I note your suggestion that, when the 5.30 forecast is late, an announcement should be made to this effect. However, this would mean bringing back an extra man outside normal office hours, to cover the comparatively few occasions when the broadcast is late, and I think you will agree that this hardly seems justifiable when the forecast is repeated punctually at 6.50.

6. I would welcome any suggestions you or any of the Westers may care to make regarding the forecasts, time of broadcasts etc. We realise only too well that the service could be improved and McNaughton and I will do anything we can to improve it, though, as you probably know already, a considerable part of our time is taken up with upper air soundings and other jobs.

Mr. R. Warmnsley,
Port Howard,
West Falkland.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
31.	Pebble. etat.	28.	12.00.	23.8.48.

To

Col Sec. Stanley.

Stanley news lasted three minutes incomplete and most disappointing stop Respectfully suggest broadcaster be instructed to collect and give news on lines of predecessor.

Mapier.

Reply at 12

pp. 1
24.8

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

12

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

24. 3. 48.

To
NAPIER WEST POINT.

Much regret inadequacy of news broadcast stop Steps taken to expand
next Sunday.

See 11

Reply at 13

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

LJH

0662

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
35	Pebble etat	6	1600	24.8.43.
To Colonial Secretary Stanley				

Many thanks

Napier

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see 12

Time

0663
Amg
Minton?
by 0.0 days
not
HAG

Stanley
30th August 1948

Sir.
The Tabernacle Church Council
request that they be allowed two
Sundays each month in which to
broadcast their evening services
until such times as Father Kelly
resumes his Sunday Evening broadcasts.

I am,
Sir,
your obedient servant,
John Osborne.
Hon. Secretary.

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley. I. A'd. 31.8.48

15-

I.O.

A

If you see no objection to the request at 14, perhaps you will so arrange and advise the parties concerned

B.

D. J. C.
14/9/48

HCS

I see no objection from broadcasting point of view as to making his request should not be agreed to. I will arrange and advise parties concerned.

K. G. O.
20/9/48

PAL
23/9

A most constructive letter

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Week Point.

Wk. L
Sep

25 Aug 1948

Colonial Secretary
Stanley



Dear Sir

Sunday News Broadcast

11 I wired you the other day re
above and would like to say how
12 very ^{was} grateful to have your message
that the matter would be put right.

I have no doubt that message was
picked up on the radio at most
other islands & in most of the lonely
Shepherd's huts on the mainland
and I am sure it caused just as
much joy in those places as it did here.

The news is, for the great majority of
people, by far the most important part
of the broadcast. The broadcast is new
to the colony so I wonder if I might tell
them without hurting their feelings that
the cold impersonal tones of the N.B.C
news readers just does not suit the

majority of
 the audience here. That audience
 consists of a dozen or so menagods
 with the great majority workmen in the
 various settlements, shepherds in their
 camp hounds, and the people on the
 small island farms. Of the last
 3 groups mentioned I might safely say
 all are simple friendly folk and
 pretty nearly all have friends or
 relatives in Stonely and all are hungry
 for news. And here I think lies the
 difficulty for the newscorers - what can
 he say to these people - what can he
 say which he can safely feel will be
 received as news. Well almost
 every little happening in or near
 Stonely is 'news' to us camp people -
 - what's on at the cinema, dances,
 whist drives or other entertainments,
 movement of the little schooner and
 cutter leaving or arriving Stonely,
 Fitzroy & Laforce itineraries (most important),
 births deaths marriages (details where
 possible of the latter), - even potatoes
 or no potatoes in Stonely. - All that
 is to the campers - NEWS.

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And I venture to say that
 could all be put over in about
 15 minutes just like a friendly
 yarn.

Further if the Broadcaster takes
 another trip around the colony by
 Steamers I know the audience would
 like to hear him mention it.

You personally set a good precedent
 for that after a tour you spoke
 to the people, mentioned several
 by name and every body was
 delighted.

A little thing perhaps but
 if you can say a kindly gracious
 word to him or her for the Broadcaster
 might with advantage follow your
 lead.

He is also Editor of the Weekly
 News and may keep news and account
 of his tour for the paper. Well, that
 is a mistake and as an instance
 I may tell you that we got the
 Mail landed by Herford July 24th by
 4 weeks later.

I have been 28 years in the

4
19
in the colony all spent in
the camp - 3 years maculou
4 11 years on island as a workman
& the remainder as manager of
this farm. and that is my reason
for trying to say a word on behalf
of the majority of the camp people
- I think I know them well. -

Again thanking you for your
kind attention to my message.

Yours faithfully
H. L. Chapin

P.S. Would you consider sending
advertisement in Sunday programme?
I know B. B. C. favors on the very idea
of that. But the income from that
source would help in small way towards
expenses of broadcast. -

You see things advertised in Weekly
News are usually gone from stores
by the time the paper reaches the camp
and if camper knew the stuff was

See 21

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on sale they could telegraph
their requirements immediately.--

Just apart from that, it would
be interesting for camp women
to hear over the air that they
could get some sort of material
for horses or a particular style of
shoes, or some small thing for
the children or in fact, any household
stuff.-- H.B.

29. Above could be managed
by simply cutting out some of
the records usually played.-- H.B.

30th Aug 48. Yesterday's broadcast decided
improvement but may I suggest that at
opening of broadcast i.e. 5.45 P.M. the broadcaster
might revert to the custom of pre-war and
give brief summary of programme.-- H.B.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

S E N T.

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

25. 9. 48.

To

NAPIER WEST POINT ISLAND

Many thanks for your most helpful and constructive letter of
25th August just received stop Every consideration will be given
to all the points raised.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

LJH

I.O.

A

16-20 is an admittance, most
helpful guide, wh. I feel sure you
will wish to study - which is
the. as if we keep in mind. I
shd. like to discuss with you.

✓
275

HCB

B.

Agree most helpful and constructive.
Will speak Tuesday.

Re go 29/8/48.

per 105

2B

A.

I.O

19-20

he spoke

he record for

news about advertisements.

L
1.00

100 105
 KIV
 in 11/46

HBS

B

After 19-20 re adverts. Mr. Clark has
 no objection to the Company's products being
 purchased over the broadcast system,
 but is not prepared to pay for such
 advertising. He spoke to Mr. Fanning, who
 last time, about sponsored programmes.
 It was agreed that Company would
 "sponsor" a special programme if
 commercial broadcasting came into
 operation. Mr. Stones have no
 objection to this product's being broadcast,
 but feel, that if this is the News Broadcast,
 there should be no payment charged.

2 Ref 100 & 105 of 11/46. I will keep this view
 and bring up again later.

KC
 JO
 8/10/48.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
34.	Pebble. etat.	6.	09.30.	27.9.43.

To

Colonial Secretary. Stanley.

Many thanks.

Napier.

?h

Time

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851)

REGISTERED 1902.

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AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.



Stanley

5th. October, 1948

Confidential.

Sir,

I have the honour to draw your attention to certain inaccuracies in the Stanley Broadcast Bulletin on Sunday, the 3rd. inst.

(1) The expected return of s.s. Lafonia was said to be the 20th. October.

(2) In the list of Passengers, Mr. & Mrs. M. Pederssen, were listed as sailing in the vessel. This inaccuracy is the more reprehensible as the late Mr. S. Pederssen lost his life on Active Service during the War.

(3) In broadcasting the corrections, the correct date of the expected return of s.s. Lafonia, was given by Mr. Creece, and not by Mr. Creece of the Shipping Office as stated.

(4) In making the corrections for item (2) a member of the Weekly News staff copied the names direct from the Passenger List in the Company's Shipping Office; it is not correct to say that this error emanated from the Shipping Office.

X 2. I had not considered it worth while commenting on the Editor's remarks in the Weekly News, concerning the co-operation of this Company's Shipping Dept. with this news-sheet, since we have yet to receive any official complaint. There has never been any difficulty/

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20.9.48

/difficulty about this matter until now. 26

With reference to the remark about about telephoning the Shipping Office six times for a Passenger List, I have inquired into this, and find that there were possibly three telephone calls. However it might be as well to point out (a) that the Shipping Office is dependent upon returns from the Chief Steward for an Inward Passenger List, (b) the latter cannot possibly complete his return until after the steamer's arrival.

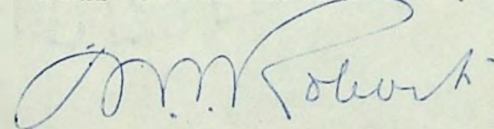
3. So far as the Writer's experience goes it is customary for those engaged in the dissemination of news to go and seek it, not to expect busy people to hand it out ready made, giving it priority over their everyday duties. There is nothing to stop the Editor himself from going on board the vessel soon after her arrival. He will gladly be furnished with a Permanent Pass for the purpose if he wishes.

4. As a matter of interest a copy of a letter received to-day is enclosed. This letter is entirely unsolicited.

I am,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



Manager.

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Ack. 6.10.48

COPY.

27
Meteorological Office,
Air Ministry,
Stanley.

The Manager,
Falkland Islands Co.Ltd.,
Stanley.

October 4th. 1948.

Dear Sir,

Would you please convey to members of your staff concerned my gratitude for their assistance during the period when I was responsible for the preparation of the Stanley broadcast news bulletin. Miss Dettleff, Mr Jones and Mr Creece, in particular, were always most helpful and provided me with whatever information was available to them, no less willingly outside office hours than during them. Without their help my task would have been much more difficult.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Don. Mc Naughton.

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H.C.S.

X/ on 25

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Ref sub-para 1. With regard to the expected return of the "Lafonia", I asked Miss Luxton to inquire the date of the return when she visited the Shipping Office on the Saturday to obtain the passenger list. Upon her return to my office, she gave me to understand that the date was the 20th October. I have since questioned Miss Luxton who informs me that this was entirely her own fault in giving me incorrect and not up-to-date information. I assumed that she had gained this information from the Shipping Office and therefore used it in my broadcast.

*Return for
broadcast
L.
Is this?
Thank you
much*

2. With reference to Captain Roberts' remarks in sub-para 2 of 25 concerning the statement that "Mr. and Mrs. M. Pederssen had left on the 'Lafonia'" the list of passengers handed to me by Miss Luxton indicated this. I was not aware that Mr. Pederssen had lost his life on Active Service, and therefore I do not think that the action can be described as "reprehensible".

3. In broadcasting the correction of the "Lafonia" I have always been under the impression that Mr. Creece was virtually 2 i/c of the F.I.C. and exercised final control over the Shipping Office even though Mr. Jones was Shipping Manager. Any news regarding the movements of the Company's ships has always been given to me by Mr. Creece, not by Mr. Jones.

4. Ref x on para 2. I have definitely checked the number of telephone calls which were made to the Shipping Office as being six. Miss Luxton called at the Shipping Office the day after the "Lafonia" arrived from the Camp; the return was not then ready. On the Monday telephone calls were made and still the return had not been handed in. This necessitated Miss Luxton telephoning again. Surely it is the Company's responsibility to ensure that the Chief Steward hands in the passenger list immediately the "Lafonia" returns to Stanley and not ours?

5. It has been my experience as a journalist that practically all the main Shipping Companies in England have a prepared itinerary to hand to reporters when they require it. It is the duty of an Editor to "edit" the news which he receives, not to go out and gather it. I welcome Captain Roberts suggestion that

A

I may have a Permanent Pass to go on board the Company's vessels at any time.

6. Since I have many other duties to perform, this could be used by Miss Luxton. Normally a reporter has a Press Card entitling him to go practically anywhere at any time, thus enabling him gain information not open to ordinary channels.

Also (23)

g.o.
9/10/48.

B

YE

She. res 25-29 before I see
I.O. It is the case that the
F.I.C. an 'agency' at times but
I think they try to give information
when they can: so as there has
never been any trouble with the
the: When on the the Navigation I
can only assume that the Com.
navigation has been troubleless.

2. Apart from the statements of the case (as to which we will continue arguing with I.O. P.C. independently) I propose to the I.O. to let him & see Capt. Roberts say he regrets the misunderstanding, his 'piece' in the W.R. in diaries, & assure him of his desire to help as far as if I know anything of Capt. R. that shd. receive generous recognition.

3. I will also deal with the matter (at once).

Removes to
W.R. P.C.
for action
by

Seen MC 11/2 (As you say - too much. Miss Lockett's MC is the responsible officer.)

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I saw I.O. on 13 x. 48 - he made an
appt. to see Capt. Roberts.

2. Re when Mr. Cunningham's next
calls. L
15.0

HCS
How many M.B.
this morning? 12/11

SHO informs me that I.O.
is continuing seed counts in
the ? National ? Lofania desert
one of them on "a maternity
case". This, undoubtedly,
has gone off.

inc. 3/18

Spoke I.O. who will
not do it again but says
that a relation of the
mother appears to want
it to end. PA
5.7

I.O. A
Re. Draft - reply to 16 for me
to see. L
5.11

HCS B
Draft reply to 16 attached, Sir.
R. 16/11/45.

16/11/45

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16th November, 1948.

Dear Mr. Napier,

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In my telegram of the 25th of September, I have already thanked you for your most constructive letter dated 25th August, 1948, on the subject of Sunday News Broadcasts. I am afraid that owing to pressure of work I have not replied to it earlier, but would like now to deal with it in some detail.

You have very reasonably telegraphed more than once criticising Cunningham's news broadcasts on Sunday - but you may be sure that constructive criticism, such as yours, falls on attentive ears. I agree with your remarks that it is extremely difficult for a newcomer to the Colony to appreciate what is or what is not interesting in the way of news to people in the Camp, and in this respect Cunningham has yet to learn that even small items - though they may not be "news" in a BBC sense - are of interest to everyone in this part of the world.

I have spoken to Cunningham on this subject, and he has also seen your letter, and I have asked him to make his news broadcasts as interesting as possible, and to emphasise the "family feeling" of the place.

With regard to the question of broadcasting the Falkland Islands Company's products and those of other stores in Stanley, Cunningham informs me that while they have no objection to having their products published over the wireless during the news broadcast, they feel that they cannot fairly be called upon to pay for this service. As you are probably aware, the Government charges a small

H.M. Napier, Esq.,
WEST POINT.

VP.

/fee

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
76	Fox Bay	32	09.15	8.12.48
To Colonial Secretary Stanley				

Reception of Stanley broadcast satisfactory except on Sunday when ~~xxxx~~ reception is bad particularly during news respectively suggest improvement would be to repeat news after 5.30 weather forecast

Beaty

Time

SHH

I.O. In report, R. J. P.

35

HCS

As at 34, pt

I cannot agree to the News being rebroadcast at 6.30 Stanley Time (5.30 Camp) since it would interfere with the Camp's second programme.

2. Would it not be better to broadcast this at 7.50 pm. after Weather forecast?

80.
17/12/48.

I.O.

B.

We spoke and you are going to see what works as a whole with the new thought News with a 6.30 Stanley Time after the records.

by
18/12

A.

H.C.S.

Please see 34 and B of 35.

2. Telegram was sent to Mr. Beaty asking for views of Westers on reception of 6 p.m. Sunday news, but as yet no reply has been received.

3. B.U. later?

X Yes B.U. 1/2. Kih
q/.

KAD
36
17/1/49.

H.A.C.S.

B.

See 36A pl.

R.
26.2.49.

36A.
A.
H.A.C.S.

Following is reply received from Mr. Beaty, Fox Bay.
'Reception of Sunday broadcast better recently. Many thanks.'

R.
26th Feb, '49.

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Extracted from 64 in 0438/II Wireless Communications Committee

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Has any decision been reached or recommendation made in regard to new broadcasting transmitter and studio? (Item 26 of Development Programme).

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(Intld) M. C. 6.1.49.

Chairman: Major Butler.

Present: Messrs. F. Kift (Deputy Chairman), D. Hallett, A. Mercer.

Secretary: D. McNaughton.

The Chairman announced that the meeting had been called for the purpose of coming to final decisions on as many of the technical points raised at other meetings as possible. The minutes of the last sub-committee meeting were taken as read, and approved.

The first matter dealt with was broadcasting. The Secretary informed the Chairman that the Information Officer, Mr Cunningham, had asked whether he would be invited to take part in technical discussions dealing with broadcasting equipment. The Chairman replied that H.E. had instructed the previous Chairman to the effect that Mr Cunningham's views need not be sought on purely technical discussions on which he was not qualified to express an opinion; this applied also to equipment.

Broadcasting: It was again generally agreed that two transmitters would be required to provide the services envisaged in the Falklands and the Dependencies. The Committee felt that best results would probably be obtained by approaching the larger radio-manufacturing firms in the U.K. (Marconi, G.E.C., Standard Telephones and Cables etc.) through the Crown Agents, and asking them to quote prices, specifications etc. of equipment, (as far as possible from their standard lists), likely to meet the whole requirements of the services. In the case of rather specialised pieces, (e.g. high-diversity reception equipment), the Crown Agents should be asked to consult the B.B.C. (or their representative at the Colonial Office). I didn't know they had one - they have a Liaison Officer (Witley) but he would not be a technician. MC.

Considerable technical discussion followed and it was agreed that the following equipment would be adequate to meet the requirements of the service:

1. Short-wave transmitter:

The purpose of this was to serve the Dependencies all the way from South Georgia to South Grahamland. It was agreed that a frequency of about 6 mc/s would be suitable for the next few years, but Mr Kift felt that something of the order of 3 mc/s would be required in about 5 years' time.

Specification: a) Short-wave - approx. 3 and 6 mc/s.

- b) Maximum power $3\frac{1}{2}$ Kw.
- c) To operate on a dipole aerial.
- d) To broadcast all normal programmes - speech & music.
- e) To be power-modulated with provision for M.C.W.
- f) To operate from 3-phase, 50-cycles supply. The nominal voltage will be 400. (N.B. This is the new power supply)

2. Medium-wave transmitter:

The purpose of this was to provide reliable programmes in the Falklands, (including rebroadcasts of B.B.C. programmes), on medium waves, without fading. Educational broadcasts were of particular importance.

Specification: a) Medium-wave - approx. 250 metres. (This would call for the allocation of a new frequency).

- b) Maximum power $2\frac{1}{2}$ Kw. (It was agreed that the use of a directional aerial could materially reduce this, but that this was not practical).
- c) To operate from same power supply as 1. above.

3. Studio equipment:

This should include full remote-control equipment for both transmitters. These will frequently be used at the same time, but it is not expected that they will be used to broadcast different R/T programmes simultaneously.

(Certainly not. MC)

Provision will be required for the reception and rediffusion of B.B.C. programmes. This will involve the use of a first-class high-diversity receiver and, in this connection, the advice of the B.B.C. should be sought, (possibly through their representative at the Colonial Office). See previous page. MC.

The same remark holds good of other studio equipment-dual-purpose turntables, microphones etc. As stated at a previous meeting the studio should provide:

- a) Reception and rebroadcasting of B.B.C. features over a local loudspeaker network, and the medium-wave transmitter.
- b) Broadcasts of gramophone records and B.B.C. recordings.
- c) A simple system of "outside broadcasts".

4. Aerials:

The transmitters should be supplied complete with aerial masts, stays, leads etc. Masts of the "Adastral Pole" type will be suitable as erection equipment will be held in the Colony by that time.

5. Rediffusion equipment:

Relay equipment, amplifiers etc. will be required to serve the local loud-speaker system. This consists of about 250 high-impedance speakers at present, but as the service improves some increase is to be expected. Yes. MC.

The equipment should therefore be capable of feeding up to 400 high-impedance speakers at a maximum distance of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

The equipment should be such that the output from a single point (microphone, gramophone record, or incoming B.B.C. programme), can be fed simultaneously to loud-speaker system, medium-wave and short-wave transmitters, or to any combination of these three.

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The sub-committee also discussed the location of the various units in Stanley.

1. Broadcast transmitters:

It was again agreed that these should be installed at the W/T station where the W/T staff could presumably switch on and off etc. The building of suitable transmission aerials in this area should give no difficulty.

2. Broadcast studio:

It was pointed out that, owing to interference from the transmitters, high-fidelity diversity reception at the W/T station itself would be out of the question. The studio must be elsewhere.

After a brief discussion the sub-committee agreed to make a strong recommendation that every effort should be made to put the studio inside the new Town Hall. The advantages of this move were obvious - amongst them:

- a) Economy - the studio need not be very large - two small rooms, or one room sub-divided should suffice.
- b) Central location - has obvious advantages.
- c) Convenience for broadcasts from the Town Hall itself. The Town Hall will become the social centre, not only of Stanley but of the whole Colony, and anything taking place in it -(concert, dance, meeting etc.) will be of particular interest to all.

(The Chairman then opened the discussion on the "technical side of broadcasting" by repeating his conviction that American equipment should not be considered when suitable substitutes could be obtained from the U.K., and informed Mr Cunningham that there was therefore no hope of American equipment being purchased. Mr Cunningham accepted the decision and said that his only reason for having advanced the idea of American equipment was the price factor, and that if a medium-power transmitter was required America was more likely to be able to provide it as those produced in the U.K. were either too big or too small, and this aggravated the purchase-price trouble.

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Mr Mercer immediately asked what was wrong with the G.40 transmitter, several of which are installed at the W/T station.

Some discussion followed. Mr Cunningham suggested using one G.40 on suitable frequencies for the whole job (Falklands and Dependencies). This suggestion was not supported by the technical members who again advocated a transmitter on medium wavelengths for the Falklands themselves, and a short-wave transmitter for the Dependencies. Mr Howkins pointed out that this suggestion was in direct agreement ~~XX~~ with para.3 of a pamphlet issued by the Colonial Office entitled "Broadcasting Services in the Colonies - Choice of suitable wavelengths for broadcasting" (25 in File 178/30), and after further discussion the Committee eventually agreed that two transmitters should be installed - one operating on short waves for the Dependencies, and one on medium waves for the Colony itself.

The short-wave transmitter was not discussed in detail but some discussion on the medium-wave transmitter followed. Mr Mercer said that a wavelength of about 540 metres, in the medium wave-band (200-550 metres) had been allocated to the Falklands, and Mr Kift pointed out that this might be too long for adequate reception if a transmitter of the G.40/^{type}were used. Discussion revealed that a balance would have to be struck between wave-length and power - the shorter the wavelength the less the power required for the same coverage. The ideal was therefore to select the shortest wavelength which would give reliable reception, without fading, at all times of the day, and then choose a transmitter of the lowest power to give the necessary coverage. Mr Hallett's first impression was that a 500 watt transmitter operating on a wave-length of about 300 metres with a semi-directional rhombic aerial would be suitable. This was also Mr Mercer's impression. (However, the absence of one member of the Committee, Major Butler, and the complexity of the discussion at this point leaves the question in some doubt, and further technical discussions will be required). Mr Hallett pointed out that if a shorter wavelength in the medium wave-band were applied for, some indication of the power to be used and of the direction of the transmission would have to be given.

Studio equipment: There was a considerable amount of discussion on this point and reporting in any detail is impossible. Agreement was eventually reached that the studio requirements were these:

Studio requirements:

1. The reception of short-wave broadcasts from the B.B.C. for relaying over the local loudspeakers and the medium-wave transmitter. This should, if possible, be done by means of diversity reception, i.e. the reception of the required programme on several frequencies at the same time to minimise fading etc.
2. The ability to broadcast recordings on 10-in. 12-in. and 16-in. discs. (B.B.C. recordings are usually on 16-in. discs).
3. Some provision for "outside broadcasts".

Mr Kift thought that a quotation from G.E.C. (32a. in File 11/46) was very reasonable, and the kind of thing we should aim at. Mr Cunningham opposed this equipment on the grounds that it was not laid out for ease of operation. He pointed out that if one person was expected to operate all the studio equipment then it should be compact and efficient. He made a strong plea for equipment (such as that produced by Rediphon) in which the operator can perform all his normal functions (operating, announcing, relaying etc) with the maximum ease, and without impairing the efficiency of the transmission. The Committee agreed that, once the equipment required had been decided upon, there was no reason at all why it should not be arranged in the most efficient manner, provided that such rearrangement as was required did not unreasonably inflate the purchase price.

On the subject of ordering equipment Mr Cunningham pointed out that there was at the Colonial Office a B.B.C. Liaison Officer, (Mr Whitley) whose function was the co-ordinating of all matters pertaining to broadcasting in the Colonies, and who was responsible to the Secretary of State through the Information Office. He suggested that, where difficulties might be encountered with the Crown Agents in the purchasing of equipment, Mr Whitley might be informed, since he had stated that he was in a position to effect a priority order. The Chairman informed Mr Cunningham that the indents for equipment must go the Crown Agents, but that he could see no reason why he (Cunningham) should not write to Mr Whitley at the same time, if he thought some useful purpose would be served.

C.S. I do not (r) not propose that Mr C. should put his oar in at all in this matter.

MC.

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Location of studio:

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Location of Studio: There were two possibilities:

1. The studio might be situated in the town, or
2. It might be located out of town

in either case it was agreed that the transmitters themselves, and the transmitting aeriels, should be out of town. The W/T station might accomodate these and the W/T staff would then be able to assist in switching on and off, checking during operation, etc.

The arguments in favour of 1. were many. The central location was an advantage and the Secretary urged the investigation of a possibility that the studio might be put inside the new Town Hall. The Committee agreed that this would be an excellent move, but there was considerable doubt that space could be found.

Mr Hallett, who advocated 2. did so because he said that aeriels suitable for the reception of short-wave broadcasts would be difficult to build in town owing to the space required for arrays such as the "rhombic" type. Mr Kift doubted whether a very elaborate aerial array would be strictly necessary.

It was eventually agreed:

1. That the possibility of including the studio in the Town Hall should be investigated. V. doubtful MC.
2. That the possibility of building a semi-directional aerial array for short-wave reception near the sea-front in Stanley, to accomodate a studio there, should also be investigated.

The Chairman said that a good deal had been done by the meeting, but that many of the technical points would have to be more definitely expressed later. He agreed to try to arrange a meeting with some of the farmers over the holiday and the meeting was adjourned.

D. McNaughton.

Secretary.

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Chairman.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

No. 6.

From Mr. Napier, West Point Island.

To Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: April 4th 19 49 *Time:* 16.00.

Received: April 5th 19 49 *Time:* 11.00.

Respectfully ask you get some body to give us the news Cunningham quite useless.

P/L.
LJH.

NAPIER.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
7	Pebble etat	27	0830	6.4.49.
To	Colonial Secretary	Stanley		

All very ~~dis~~appointed with last Sundays news grateful if we can get more local news on behalf of the people on this farm

Betts

Time

Handwritten notes:
 AG informed
 44 45
 RA
 Keli
 15/4

Colonial Secretary,
Stanley



West Point Island,
Falkland Islands,
4 April 1949

Dear Sir,

I wired you today, " Respectfully ask you get somebody to give us the news Connington useless."

The above message faithfully reflects the opinion of all on this farm and I am sure of all people in the camp.

Most likely I think his continued presence at the news on Sundays is simply due to the fact that you cannot replace him.

In case you have not anyone else in view may I suggest the possibility of the broadcast being made by a senior pupil of Stanley School.

The Headmaster could pick 2 or 3 senior pupils and give one the job of collecting the news for the week and broadcasting it Sunday, after editing by him. From one of those pupils you might be able to fill the position of Information Officer, Editor and Broadcaster.- The job should be held by a Falkland Islander

Whatever the efforts of the young people might be they could not possibly be worse than Connington's.

That gent is also Editor of the Weekly News, and under his hand the paper has become simply worthless. It happens to be the only means by which us Campers can know what is in the stores, or I am sure most people would stop subscribing.

Rumour has it on the West that he is going away and I hope that is true- he has been here too long - far too long.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. Napier

*W. H. Napier is a very good
person who is a very good
person who is a very good
person who is a very good*

Reply at 47

26th April, 49.

Sir,

46 I am directed to refer to your letter of the 4th of April, 1949, relative to broadcasting and to inform you the matter is receiving attention.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. W. M. C. J.

Acting Colonial Secretary.

H. W. Napier, Esq.,
STANLEY.

VP.

The Existing Service and Summary of Requirements.

The present broadcast service, which was intended to cover the Falkland Islands only, is operated from a transmitter working on 8.7 metres, which has an output of about 40 watts. Reports indicate that reception is poor at times, particularly after dark during the winter months.

The proposed new service is intended to cover both the Falkland Islands and Dependencies. Its prime function will be to provide a reliable service in the Falkland Islands, during daylight, for educational purposes but it must also be capable of reception both in the Falkland Islands and Dependencies for purposes of entertainment. These latter programmes would normally be confined to the evenings.

It is not proposed to broadcast separate programmes simultaneously to the two areas.

Findings of the Committee.

1. Frequency of Transmission.

It was agreed that high frequency transmission would give the most reliable reception in the Dependencies.

It was also generally agreed that medium frequencies would provide the most stable reception in the Falklands (and would therefore be most suitable for schools broadcasts) but it was suggested that even a high powered transmitter might not have the necessary range (about 150 miles) to cover the Falklands.

The alternative would be to use a frequency between 1.5 and 3.0 Mc/s (i.e. less than that of the existing

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transmitter). This would give improved reception during winter evenings but introduces a further problem because many privately owned receivers in the Falklands do not cover this frequency range. If a frequency in this band is chosen, then a solution might be to purchase a quantity of specially made receivers, built to cover the appropriate range. Recent correspondence from the Secretary of State for the Colonies suggests that these might be available at low cost and could therefore be sold or rented cheaply.

2. Location of Radio and Transmitting Equipment.

The existing aerials are in a poor location near sea level and it is recommended that:-

THE NEW TRANSMITTING AERIALS BE PLACED IN THE OPEN LOCATION AT THE W/T STATION AND THE TRANSMITTERS BE MONITORED BY W/T STATION STAFF. THE TRANSMITTER WOULD THEN BE MODULATED FROM A DISTANCE.

The ideal site for the new studio would be in the new Town Hall, but, this being impossible, the committee recommend that:-

THE EXISTING E. & T. BUILDING SHOULD BE CONVERTED TO HOUSE THE STUDIO AND A SMALL COMMENTATOR'S BOOTH BE PROVIDED IN THE TOWN HALL.

3. Specialist Advice on Broadcasting Scheme.

It was agreed that the problems of frequency and power output must be referred to a specialist authority and the committee therefore recommend that:-

THE WHOLE PROBLEM OF THE BROADCASTING SERVICE, INCLUDING THE TRANSMITTERS, STUDIO AND REDUPLICATION EQUIPMENT, BUILDING ETC. BE REFERRED TO THE B.B.C. OR OTHER SPECIALIST AUTHORITY WHO SHOULD BE SUPPLIED WITH THE RELEVANT INFORMATION. (see appendix 1).

APPENDIX I.

BROADCASTING IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

A Committee has recently studied this question, and discussed in some detail the services which it is desired to provide. The following summary, based on the discussions of the Committee, has been prepared with the aim of giving sufficient information to enable technicians in the United Kingdom to recommend suitable equipment. In doing so they should bear in mind the question of cost. As an indication of the amount of money likely to be available for the scheme, they should note the fact the The Governor has provisionally earmarked a sum of £5,000 for the renewal of broadcasting facilities in the Colony, basing his estimate on the assumption that one broadcast transmitter would be sufficient. Should the experts feel (as most members of the Committee do) that an additional transmitter will be required for the Dependencies then he would make further provision. They should note also, that the present studio equipment is of little value and will have to be replaced within the total sum available. They should therefore endeavour to ensure that the cost of the main items recommended by them lies within the desired limits in order to allow for the many additional items - switches, microphones, leads, insulators, cables, masts etc. - which will be required to complete the installation.

2. The object of the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Service is to give clear reception in all parts of the Colony itself. The service, which will operate both during the day and after dark, will be used also for Educational Broadcasts. Reception must therefore be of a high standard and as free as possible from fading and distortion. The direction of the transmission can lie almost entirely between South West and West North West, but there are several settlements to the North West and North within about 50 miles, and these must be adequately served. The country is in general undulating poor-class pasture, with rocky ridges up to about 1,000 feet in height but there are a number of peaks between 2,000 and 3,000 feet, especially in the West Falkland. The maximum transmitter-to-receiver distance is about 150 miles. Apart from Educational Broadcasts, it is hoped that programmes will include relays of features from the B.B.C. short-wave service, broadcasts of B.B.C. recordings, and local "outside broadcasts" from churches, halls, etc.

3. The Falkland Islands Dependencies Service (both operated from Port Stanley, the capital) is intended to provide good reception in the Dependencies in an arc extending from South Georgia to the Southern part of Grahamland. In this area the standard of reception need not be quite so high as in the case of the Colony service, but adequate signal strength day and night throughout the year is essential. The maximum transmitter-to-receiver distance will not exceed 1,500 miles. The reception of this service in South America as far away as the River Plate may be considered desirable but is not essential. Many of the programmes broadcast in the Colony service will be considered suitable for broadcasting to listeners in the Dependencies, who will not, however, in general, be interested in schools broadcasts and other items of restricted interest. It is not envisaged that occasions are likely to arise when the two services will be required

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to broadcast different programmes simultaneously.

4. The power supply will be provided from 3-phase 50-cycles mains. The transmitter (or transmitters) should naturally be capable of broadcasting both speech and music, and should a separate transmitter be considered necessary to serve the Dependencies, this should also have provision for M.C.W. operation.

5. The Local Broadcast Rediffusion Equipment at present in use in Stanley will also require replacement. The new equipment should be capable of feeding up to 400 high-impedance loudspeakers by landline at a maximum distance of one and a half miles - the loudspeakers themselves are already available and will not require to be replaced. The programmes in this service will be materially those in the domestic radio service, with the addition of purely local announcements.

6. To complete these arrangements it is intended to provide a Central Broadcasting Studio in which will be located the following:-

- (a) A system of "diversity reception" to enable incoming short-wave broadcasts to be received and rebroadcast without serious fading. This would presumably entail the purchase of a first-class high-diversity receiver, and the advice of the B.B.C. (or other qualified agency) on this very specialised aspect is of particular importance.
- (b) A studio control panel to enable a single operator to handle normal studio broadcasts, the rediffusion of incoming short-wave programmes, and outside broadcasts. (These last will come from some half-dozen points in and near Stanley, by landline, a maximum distance of 2 miles.
- (c) Local rediffusion equipment (loudspeakers).
- (d) Dual-purpose turntables for the broadcasting of ordinary gramophone records and B.B.C. recordings.
- (e) Other associated studio equipment.

7. In connection with the studio the technical advisers may wish to know that the local Committee has recommended the building of receiving aerials close to the studio, but has advocated the installation of the transmitters some distance therefrom, linked to the studio by landline. The studio itself will be located in the new Town Hall now in course of erection. This arrangement will facilitate the broadcast of social and other events.

8. Finally, an Ionospheric measuring station is maintained in Stanley by the Radio Division of D.S.I.R. The results obtained by this station may be of assistance to the experts and are available on application to Dr. Smith-Rose, Radio Division, D.S.I.R.

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APPENDIX II

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Transmitters available at the W/T Station

1. S.W.B. 8 Q - output up to $3\frac{1}{2}$ kilowatts.
- frequency coverage 4 to 17 mcs. ? 3-21 mcs any
2. S.W.B. 8. - output up to $3\frac{1}{2}$ kilowatts.
- frequency coverage 4 - 17 mcs. 3-21 mcs any
- lacks an alternator and is not in use.
3. R.C.A. - output up to 3 kilowatts.
frequency coverage 2' - 600 kilocycles. 100 - 600 Kc/s
4. G. 40 - output up to 500 watts.
- frequency coverage 2 - 8 mcs.
- kept on 4 mcs for S. Georgia and Bases at night.
- can operate on both R/T and I.C.W.
5. G. 40 - output up to 500 watts.
- frequency coverage 6 - 25 mcs.
and 137.5 - 550 kilocycles (latter range not yet installed).

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0428/11 containing the full minutes is with the 1st Committee

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SET.

The F.I.D.S. special Xmas broadcast was not heard at any of the Bases. I cannot believe that listening conditions were uniformly bad and the inference is all the more that we are not broadcasting on a suitable wave-length as that our transmitter is defective.

SET.

MC. 28/11

2a refat fl.

R.H. Jones
31/12/49

Y.E.

~~Don C.S.~~

We have known for some considerable time that our transmitter has not a suitable frequency to cover the F.I.D.S. Bases. I was not aware that a programme was being arranged until F.I.D.S. were notified and Mr McNaughton asked me if I had any objection. It was too late then to carry out any tests.

Provision to cover the dependencies has been made in the new broadcast equipment, and until we get this equipment I regret that we can not hope to improve the present service.

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Our wavelength is wrong for that distance
at that time of day, and that time of year.
Coverage will however improve with daylight
becoming less.

AM. SET
31. 12. 49.

3/1/50.

Alas.
MC 3-1-50

PR

AM. SET
31. 12. 49.

Communications to be addressed
to The Crown Agents for the
Colonies, 4, Millbank, London,
S.W.1, and the above refer-
ence quoted.



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4, MILLBANK,
LONDON, S.W.1.

TELEGRAMS {INLAND: "CROWN SOWEST LONDON."
{OVERSEAS: "CROWN LONDON."
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730.

31 MAR 1950

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have the honour to forward herewith a
letter from the International Federation
of the Phonographic Industry concerning
restrictions on broadcasting a series of
records, issued by the Gramophone Company
Ltd., reproducing portions of the
inaugural ceremony at the opening of the
Holy Door at St. Peter's, Rome.

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23 MAY 1950

The Colonial Secretary,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE PHONOGRAPHIC INDUSTRY.

TELEGRAMS
INTERFONIC.
HAYES, MIDDLESEX.
TELEPHONE:
SOUTHALL 2468.

President:
ALFRED CLARK, GREAT BRITAIN

Secretary-Treasurer:
BRIAN BRAMALL.

21 MAY 1950
* FALKLAND ISLANDS *

GRAMOPHONE BUILDINGS.
HAYES.
MIDDLESEX.
ENGLAND.

CBDP/BM.

AIR MAIL

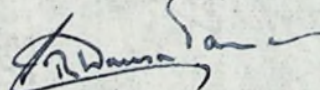
22nd March, 1950

Electrical & Telegraphs Department,
STANLEY - Falkland Islands.

Dear Sirs,

Our members, The Gramophone Company Limited, are, by concession, about to issue a series of records, the details of which are attached hereto, which are derived from recordings made in the first instance by the Vatican City Radio and which reproduce portions of the inaugural ceremony at the opening of the Holy Door. Will you please note that The Gramophone Company have agreed that these records may not be broadcast without the further permission of the Vatican Radio Station, and a notice to this effect is incorporated in the labels of the records in question. These records, therefore, will only be available for broadcasting by you under the agreement at present in operation provided the prior authorisation of the Vatican Radio Station has been obtained.

Yours faithfully,
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE PHONOGRAPHIC INDUSTRY,



C.B. DAWSON PANE.

Enc.

DB 21049

Bells of the Four Basilicas (Rome)

- (a) St. John Lateran
- (b) St. Paul outside the walls
- (c) St. Mary Major
- (d) "The Bell of the lost lady" of St. Mary Major
- (e) St. Peter.

Hymn of the Pilgrims

(Words: M. Soehn. Music: L. Perosi)

DB 21050

Ceremony of the Opening of the Holy Door, St. Peter's, Rome, 24th December 1949 (Part 1)

"Veni Creator" (H.M. Pope Pius XII and Sistine Choir) -
The Holy Father knocks and demands admission -
Prayer "Actiones nostras" (The Pope) - Removal of
the Door.

The Ceremony of the Opening of the Holy Door
(Part 2) "Jubilatio Deo" (Sistine Choir) Prayer
"Deus qui per Moysen" (The Pope) Opening of
"Te Deum" intoned by the Holy Father.

DB 21051

The Ceremony of the Opening of the Holy Door
(Conclusion) "Te Deum" - excerpts (Sistine Choir) -
Apostolic Benediction pronounced by His Holiness -
Trumpets, bells and applause.

Pontifical March

(Words: A. Allegra. Music: C. Gounod)

DB 21052

The Prayer of the Holy Year spoken by H.M. Pope Pius XII (In English)

The Prayer of the Holy Year spoken by H.M. Pope Pius XII (In Italian)

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S.P.T.

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56-58 seen thank for
Record numbers noted.

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1-6-50

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1/6/50

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From WESTERS FOX BAY.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : 8th June. 19 50. *Time :* 0915.

Received : 9th June. 19 50. *Time :* 1500

Why cannot we have news on Friday.

WESTERS.

P/L.
S.S.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

S E N T.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				9.6.50.
To				
WESTERS FOX HAY.				ROA/C

REGRET THAT ALL THREE UNKNOWN VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCERS ARE
EXTREMELY BUSY AND THEY CANNOT DO THE NEWS THIS WEEK.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Time

Handwritten signature and date: 12/6/50

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.


RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
32	Pebble etat	39	10.50	21.7.50
To	Colonial Secretary Stanley			

Stanley broadcast listening very difficult stop Could we please have the broadcast from studio without attempt of relaying stop We do want the news and I think experiments might be carried out on other days.

Napier

S.P.T.

A.M.O. Reply at 64 22 JUL 1950

Time

PGS

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How C.S.

62 seen.

The service is far from satisfactory, in fact it never has been very good during winter months. The proposal put forward by the Met Office, to use the Met Transmitter on 2 mcs simultaneously with the Govt Broadcast transmitter on 3.44 mcs, sound enough theoretically, does not give satisfaction. The 3.44 mcs transmission is also spoilt.

The news will revert to transmission on 3.44 mcs on Thursday and until other experiments have proved worthwhile.

I have spoken to the Met Office, in this connection.

AMH. 5/7

25.7.50

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

S E N T.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				28. 7. 50.
To				
NAPIER WEST POINT ISLAND.				

Regret experiments in broadcasting occasioned difficulty in reception
stop We have reverted to the old system.

See 62, 65, 67.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

L JH

0663.

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DECODE.

No. 50.

TELEGRAM.

From Mr Napier West Point Island

Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : July 29th 19 50 *Time :* 11.15.

Received : July 30th 19 50 *Time :* 09.30.

Broadcast reception excellent many thanks.

P/I.
LJH.

NAPIER.

CHRY
1/10/50

EXTRACT FROM DESPATCH No. 93 of 31/7/50 TO THE SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Original filed at 143 in 0040/II - Development Policy

6. New Broadcasting Transmitter and Studio. An application has been made for a provisional allocation of £10,000 from the General Reserve of the C.D. & W funds (see Mr. Creech Jones' Confidential Circular Despatch of the 29th March, 1949, and my telegram No. 199 of the 28th June, 1949). Details of the equipment to be obtained depend on a final reply to my despatch No. 14 of the 1st of February, 1949. (See also your predecessor's despatches Nos. 51 of 8th June and 96 of 8th November, 1949) which I hope may not be much longer delayed. ~~I am in agreement with the suggestion contained in my address, the Council also considered.~~

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0438/II
0438/III.

VP

Rate references above.

11 AUG 1950

Bv. 1/10/50

Went Pt. 30 July 50

Dear Mr. Royner

^{64.} Thank very much
for your message re broadcast and
for all the trouble you have taken on
the matter.

As regards my official letter
re War & Medical Service please
do not regard what I have said
as a complaint. The letter is just
an attempt to explain to you how we
on the island & particularly Went Pt.
are situated.

I have no doubt that S.O. the Bureau
has his plans for improvement of war
service & medical service and I know
everything cannot be done at once.

The fact is that the record forms
are just a nuisance to their mainland
neighbors at least that's how I feel
about it all.

Yours sincerely

H. H. Hapner

BU 1/10/50

Correspondence relating to Mails.

Copy filed in 0604/II

22nd July, 1950

The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Sir,

May I be permitted respectfully to draw your attention to a matter which I consider to be of great and increasing urgency - the full and free exchange of information and comment upon topics affecting the life of the community. No doubt you are already aware of much of what I have to say. Nevertheless I feel it is possible that you may not appreciate how serious the position has become, and may welcome some comment from someone who can claim, I think, to be intimate with the problem.

The present situation is unsatisfactory for a number of reasons, but may perhaps be best summarised by saying that we lack not only an adequate public information service but also a medium through which the various sections of the community can express themselves - particularly on questions on which widely divergent views are held. This ignorance and, at the same time, lack of opportunity for open discussion, leads inevitably to the circulation of news in a series of almost water-tight compartments, each composed of individuals holding more or less similar views. This, in turn, produces increasing tension amongst the various groups in the community, and to a feeling of frustration and annoyance amongst ordinary folks who feel that they belong to no particular clique. It is very seldom indeed that any controversial matter is discussed openly in Stanley, for example, and this I believe, is as much because people are not fully informed as it is that they have no opportunity for expressing themselves publicly.

There is no doubt that inadequate information materially assists the circulation of mistaken impressions and half truths; there is no better antidote to a half truth than the whole truth clearly explained and responsibly expressed. While this somewhat hackneyed remark holds good of almost all information, it is probably more true here with respect to information about the activities and opinions of Government than of any other agency. The actions taken by the Administration all bear, in some way at least, upon the lives of the individuals; yet most of these same individuals are not aware of, or do not appreciate, the complexity of the problems with which the Administration is faced.

I realise, of course, that in the ideal case, facilities for the publication of news and the exchange of views should be in the hands of some completely independent agency - but it is difficult to envisage one here. Likewise, it is out of the question that these facilities should be duplicated by the various interested parties - that is, that we should have, for example, a number of separate newspapers in the Colony with the views of (say) the Sheep Owners Association expressed in one, those of the Labour Federation in another, the Government in a third, and so on. It would therefore

All

perfectly

true; I

have long
been conscious
of the need.

Could we
have a weekly
"Forum" on the
broadcast where
questions of the
day could be
openly discussed?

appear best that one or two of the more responsible agencies should assume responsibility for the provision of public information and should endeavour, as far as possible, to reflect the views of all sections of the community. Whether this is done by means of a daily or weekly paper or through the medium of radio is not important - the latter is quicker and more convenient - the former slower but more authoritative. What is important is to afford an opportunity to everyone to express his or her views publicly - provided, of course, that these views be neither vicious nor seditious. For the Government to run a newspaper in which any Tom, Dick or Harry was permitted to make unreasonable attacks on the Administration would be ridiculous; but for the same agency to publish a paper from which any criticism of Government action was rigorously purged, or prevent the publication of such criticism in any other paper, when it was known to exist, would serve no very useful purpose.

Since the Government is the only agency with the necessary technical facilities, (even though they are at present unsatisfactory), I believe that they could run an efficient radio information service if they got the necessary staff. I think it would be an excellent idea if one of the other agencies involved, (probably the Labour Federation since it represents the majority of the working people in the Colony), could publish some kind of news sheet for general distribution. The F.I.L.F. - already employ a full-time Secretary, and I imagine that they would have little difficulty in producing such a news sheet on a weekly or fortnightly basis - though I confess I might be quite wrong in that view.

You may well comment that you are quite aware of the validity of these arguments, but that you feel that to encourage the setting up of an information service, however small, not directly under Government control would merely enable critics to obtain publicity for their views and so enlist additional subscribers to them. I should reply, with all due respect, that this is indeed a mistaken idea which does not hold good in a small community such as this, where the practice of passing news and comment by word of mouth is so prevalent, and where there is no possibility of keeping anything a secret for long. Indeed, I should go further and claim that the reverse is true and that, where criticism is unreasonable, as it undoubtedly is at times, the exposure of it to the clear light of reason must necessarily rob it of much of its weight and enable ordinary people to judge for themselves how valid it is. In my opinion, free and open discussion on various topics can only, in the long run, improve relations between the various sections of the community and, for this reason, is badly needed here.

I have taken the liberty of expressing my views at some length for two reasons. Firstly, since estimates of Government expenditure for 1951 are now in course of preparation, you should, I think, take the opportunity to suggest to His Excellency that adequate provision should be made for the Information Service. (At present, meagre though it is, it does not cost Government anything). Secondly, I must draw your attention to the fact that my personal preoccupation with this and similar problems has recently had a very serious affect on my work. In short, I have devoted so much time to the tasks of being Secretary of the W/T Committee

And more desired
by The Camp - the
weekly paper is still
by the time it reaches
home. McTish

Only a very
ill purpose.

I agree.

and part-time Information Officer that my own work has had to suffer and this, as I am sure you will agree, is a state of affairs which cannot be allowed to continue. The experiment of getting two people to help me with the news broadcasts during these last few months has very definitely not been successful. For a variety of reasons (which I need not enumerate) the public are dissatisfied, and I am still seriously inconvenienced. Nor can I see any hope of improvement on Mr. Howkins' return, as I have recently been instructed to increase the upper air programme of my unit to a level which will leave me no time for additional work. I am still willing to act in a supervisory or advisory capacity if desired, but I must insist that I have borne much more than my fair share of this apparently unpopular burden and that the time has come for me to lay down the load.

*That is true - but
the McNaughton
broadcasts are not popular and he has achieved a "public"; surely he will not wish to let it down.*

My feelings on the matter have, perhaps, been intensified by recent events. I have just learned, for example, that Mr. Howkins has been promoted and that his salary will rise by about £150 per annum plus what he will gain by transferring from U.K. to Falkland Islands income tax this year. This has brought home very firmly to me the fact that my own career is governed to some extent by my own efforts, and that to allow too much of my mental energy to be dissipated on pursuits unconnected with my work is short-sighted and unfair to myself. In any case I think I have already done more than anyone is entitled to ask. I estimate that I have compiled and read over fifty broadcast news bulletins as well as a number of musical programmes and other entertainments, involving a very large number of hours of work and considerable inconvenience to myself and my wife. I have been at the beck and call of the general public for months, and have frequently encountered apathy and even occasionally deliberate obstructionism from Government Departments because I am not an employee of this Administration. Since I have often used my car on official business, and, because of the inroads made on my spare time, have been forced to employ people to repair the car and carry out domestic work for me, I have virtually paid for the privilege of doing all this. Nevertheless I have never at any time during the period received any payment of any kind for my services. When one considers that some Officers employed by Government actually receive additional cash payments for extra work performed during their normal working hours, one can see how ridiculous the situation has been.

Finally, (and this is the most important thing of all), I have recently noted the return of certain symptoms which two years ago forced me to take a rest from work altogether - pains, nervous irritability, inability to concentrate, and so on. This became serious the last time and I am determined that it shall not become so again. I therefore intend to ask His Excellency to accept my resignation as Secretary to the W/T Committee as soon as the present business is settled, and would be most grateful if you would inform him of my intention to give up information work in the next few weeks. Being Information Officer, I am convinced, is a full-time and completely worth-while task and we must somehow obtain one or fall down on the already meagre service we now provide. I shall be pleased to discuss the matter with you at your convenience.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. McNaughton.

Y.E.

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Attached letter from Mr. McNaughton. We have always realised that his broadcasting activities must encroach on his other duties, and it is perfectly true that the news relies mainly on him; his two helpers are not as good as he is. On the other hand I cannot help feeling that with the return of Mr. Hawkins and the recent arrival of Mr. Alcock (radio sonde mechanic) the demands of his proper work should be less insistent.

2. We have discussed ad nauseam the question of a broadcasting officer, and we are no further forward. If and when we get new equipment I suppose we ought to have one, but even then he should, if possible, be a local. Certainly after our last experience we cannot leave the people at home to pick a man for us. But who is there locally? We have considered various people at length, but no one who is suitable will look at it. Methinks they "fear to much".

3. There might be something to be said for making a payment to Mr. McNaughton for his services, if that is what he is getting at. The present system whereby two members of the Electrical Dept. get £1 a week for their routine broadcasting duties, some of which take place inside working hours and some of which don't, has never appealed to me as ideal. There might be something in offering McNaughton £1 a week or else saying that we will pay a certain fee for each broadcast, 7/6 per half hour say. Would Y.E. agree to my discussing with Mr. McNaughton on these lines?

Certainly, (160 p.a.)
After which I
am quite prepared
to see him - he
has been a great
help to us.

26.7.50.

Mr. McNaughton has been a willing horse
and we have, perhaps, leaned on him too heavily.
Please thank him for his interesting and useful letter.
My own view is that with the new Equipment
and Studio we must have a Broadcasting
Officer and by that I mean a man who
or a Colonial Broadcasting Source
has had experience with BBC. /; if he is good
he will himself recruit local interest and partici-
pation. This Officer would also be responsible for
organising (but not necessarily doing the actual talking
himself) School Broadcasts. He would need to be
most carefully chosen and - with you - I am apprehensive
of the normal channels".
M.C. 26/vii

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or 21

Spoke Mr. De Naughton. His proposal is
£150 p.m. to do the news. be responsible
for all broadcasting (direction of, & some
actual talking). £50 of the above wd.
be for his wife, who wd. collect news
for him.

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(intentionally
(£200 p.m.)
the whole
of the proposal
to be taken into
consideration
first to see

Mr. De Naughton has been a wireless since
and we have perhaps, learnt as much too recently.
Please thank him for his interesting and useful letter.
That our view is that with the new proposal
and should we want have a broadcasting
Office and by that I mean a man who
has had experience with BBC. I think it is important
to have himself trained in news and to be able to
follow. This Office must also be independent of
anybody (but we must not forget the importance of
himself) and should be able to do the news and to
lead and guide the news and to be able to do the news
of the news.

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FE

EXTRACT FROM 1040/A (Minutes of Standing Finance Committee)

The question of payment to Mr. McNaughton for broadcast services was the subject of some discussion and Committee agreed to offer him £1 per week as apposed to Mr. McNaughtons suggested £3 per week.

ACS

I should like to see Mr. McNaughton, at his convenience.

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6 SEP 1950

EXTRACT FROM 1040/A (Minutes of Standing Finance Committee).

The Chairman informed the Meeting that Mr. McNaughton did not accept the Committee's agreed offer of £1 per week for broadcast services.

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Note. Mr Hardy suggests Capt Watson.

B.D. 15/10/50

Ans. I understand that P.C. O'Sullivan is willing
to do the news. Would you pl. ask him to come
& see us.

116 OCT 1950

Ans. Mr O'Sullivan will call this afternoon, pl

L.D. 17.10.50

A

Y.E.

I gathered unofficially that P.C.O'Sullivan would be prepared to do the weekly news broadcasts, which have been in abeyance since Mr. MacNaughton stopped doing them. I therefore saw Mr. O'Sullivan this afternoon, and he confirmed that he would do them and suggested a payment of £1 a week. I told him that I should have to put this to Y.E., and that if you agreed I should have to get the money out of F.C., but I think his offer is reasonable. It isn't just the time taken in the studio delivering the news, but the going round and getting it which is the trouble, and to have to do it every week is a tie.

2. Would Y.E. approve of this arrangement?

[Handwritten mark]

17.10.50.

6.

App^o as a provisional arrangement

but I am still anxious that we should get the Broadcasting programme on a more satisfactory footing. e.g. do we never buy any new records?

There is a great deal of horse-sense in 68-71 and it should not be set aside: hence we are seeking the views of Opera leaders.

It is about time that we found some of about our own...

S.P.T

About 2 minutes for. This will necessitate some additional financial provision. Would you please let us A.S.E. for next Finance Ctte.

[Handwritten mark]

18 OCT 1950

D.

Now C.S.

Two minutes about seen Thank you.

I mentioned to Asst C.S. that P.C.O's would be prepared to do the broadcasting series Mr. MacNaughton had broadcast to everybody that he would no longer be able to continue doing this service.

apart from Mr M's announcement, there was nothing official.

There is a point however, which does not seem quite clear. The "Electrician" receives payment for announcing etc for the evening programmes, and do not receive payment as announcers for any service or programme attended to during the day.

2. Gramophone records are purchased from HM and from FIC or McAlasney Sedgwick. We have 40 records on order at the moment.

I understand a Broadcast Committee was formed in 1949 to go into the question of programmes for Broadcasting but, nothing has been done to prepare programmes yet. Can the Committee be approached with a view to improving the service?

3. A.I.S.E. attached covering the period 1st Oct - 31 Dec 1950.

Att. ST
19.10.50

AT

A.I.S.E. at cover for Mr F.C. Hearn.

File back to us thereafter.

1/11/50.

Honors.

A.I.S.E. withdrawn have you

1/11/50.

2/12/50

Stanley.

29.12.50.

Sir,

I have been directed by the Committee to convey to you their approval of the action which you propose to take in regard to Mr. D. O'Sullivan, namely that this announcer be suspended from all broadcasting activity for a period of three months from date of yesterday. The Committee, however, reserve to themselves the right to re-consider the matter of his re-appointment at the end of that period.

In the meantime, the Committee will endeavour to find someone capable of collecting the information required for the weekly Stanley news-letter and putting it over satisfactorily.

There may, however, be some difficulty in finding anyone willing to take over this programme for any lengthy period and the question of remuneration for individual broadcasts may therefore arise.

As the Committee is not as yet in receipt of any funds to meet contingencies such as this, we would like your assurance that the arrangement at present in operation for the payment of the weekly news-reader will continue to apply, and the new announcer(s) will receive remuneration from the Government at the same rate as that paid to Mr. O'Sullivan.

Would you be good enough to advise us what this rate would work out at weekly so that this information is at our disposal, if required.

Yours faithfully,

M.B.R. Cawkeel

Hon. Secretary.

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

Reply at 79

P.S. Our next Committee meeting is fixed for Thursday, 4th January, and if you would be good enough to let me have your reply by that date, I should be greatly obliged.

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X
ACS

Reverse. S.P.T. controls this vote

I am agreeable in principle if he is
a he can say what the normal fee
is. (I rather think it was £1 a week).

S.P.T. agrees.

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yes. Sir
3/1/51

3/1/51.

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Copy to S.P.T.

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5th January,

50.

Madam,

77.

With reference to your letter of the 29th of December, 1950, I am directed to inform you that the rate at which the person collecting and broadcasting the weekly news bulletin has been paid is £1 per week. As far as I am aware there would be no objection to the payment of a like sum to any other person whom the Committee may select to do this work, but the Superintendent, Posts & Telegraphs Department is the officer controlling the vote and his concurrence should be sought. A copy of this letter has been sent to him.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Hon. Secretary,
Broadcast Advisory Committee,
STANLEY.

copy 5/1/51

Memorandum

26th January, 1951

0663 ✓
From S.P.T.
Stanley

To Hon Colonial Secretary
Stanley

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A.

Subject. Payment to Announcers.

The Secretary of the Broadcast Committee has applied for payment to be made to the announcers recruited by the Committee from time to time but I think the Auditor will ask me to produce your written authority before these payments can be made.

Would it be possible to receive a "General Authority" to make these payments of £1 per week p1 ?.

Mr McWhan has now given the news on three occasions and he will probably be reading it again tonight. He will then be due to receive £4.

A. Mercer
S P T
26.1.51

B

As long as the money is available
in the Estimates, I approve.
[29 JAN 1951]

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A

S.P.T.to note 80³ pl.dkf
3/1/51

B.

Hon. Cat Sec.

There are funds available for immediate needs, but, these payments are additional to the figures estimated for 1951-52. and I have found it necessary to ask for funds to meet payments to announcers ^{end of} to 1951. Therefore until my AISE has been approved funds are not available, technically. However VRS will be prepared to meet the immediate needs.

AT: Above. Have we got an AISE. in form
S.P.T. ? U. SK/11

dkf SPT
31.1.51

Hence

yes sir, for next meeting

U. SK/11
3/1/51

6/12

Hon^{co} A.D.S. approved today by B. Chas.

6/3.

S.P.T.

to note, pl.

for C.S.
ok/ps.

Hon C.S.

noted. Thanks you.

All. S.P.T.
7.3.51.

2/3/51

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Broadcasting Advisory
Committee

22.ix.51.

Dear Sir,

The Broadcasting Advisory Committee discussed at length H.E.'s. complaint about the manner in which Mr. Lellman compiles his news when he is news-reader.

By a majority the Committee decided in both cases mentioned by H.E. that there was no proof that Mr. Lellman had intended to slight anybody.

A little naive?
As regards the first complaint, the Committee was informed that the day after his broadcast Mr. Lellman rang up the Shipping Office and said that he might be criticised for mentioning H.E.'s. name last: but he had done so as the list which he had received from the Shipping Office, and read straight through, had H.E.'s. name at the foot of it. This was due to the fact that it was the last booking made and naturally appeared at the foot of the passenger list. The Committee accepted this explanation.

The majority of the Committee considers that Mr. Lellman presents his news impartially and calls your attention to the scrupulously fair manner in which he dealt with the last meeting of the Legislative Council.

The Committee is, of course, anxious that its news-readers shall give offence to no-one and has accordingly arranged for a member to see Mr. Lellman and discuss with him the manner in which he compiles his programmes.

Yours faithfully,

J. McNaughton
Chairman, Broadcasting Advisory Committee

The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

No. _____

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

MEMORANDUM.

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24 - 9 - 1951.

Chairman, Broadcast Ctee.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The Honorable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

SUBJECT :- Confidential

Conf from
H.C.?

I raised the matter dealt with in your letter and H.E.'s minute at a meeting of the Committee recently. The finally agreed resolution of the Committee is contained in the attached letter. I should like to emphasise that this was a majority view and is not shared by me as Chairman.

D. McNaughton.

Y.E.

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Attached papers submitted. With regard to the explanation about the passenger list, please see our copy at p.61 of attached file. On the other hand our copy is dated 10th August, after the "Fitzroy" arrived. The broadcast in question was the Friday before the "Fitzroy" arrived, and at that date the list which we now have had not been typed..I regard the explanation as thin, but I cannot prove it to be untrue.

So do I and so, evidently, does
the Chairman; there was also the question
29.9.51. of his tendentious references to the Parliamentary
Report. However, leave it for now.

mc 29/ix

ACS

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P.A.

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1/10/51

Q 1/x

CS

What is happening
about the appointment of
a Director of Broadcasting
and the issue of a
Policy directive? This
has been hanging fire
rather.

MC 9/11

ACS

P.P. Pre.

9/3

For this file or
0001/II please.

0001/II - "Broadcast Smart."

CP

We should start the ball rolling on this matter about Mr McNaughton's attachment to BBC during his forthcoming leave.

I want him to learn something about :-

Studio lay-out

Acoustics & soundproofing

Re-enforcement equipment (GPO?) which he should order after taking expert advice.

Programme construction.

School broadcasts.

Y.E.

Draft programme

at cover S.F.C.

Q3
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MC // iii

Thanking as
Fair - MC.

ACB
KHA Q3

Mr. McNaughton to act as Director of Broadcasts during his forthcoming leave.

F. I. ref:

0663.

C. O. ref:

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 13th March, 1952.

No. 64. SAVING. COLONY.

Broadcasting.

Am very anxious that McNaughton my Director of Broadcasting should do a short attachment with the British Broadcasting Corporation when on leave in July this year to obtain advice and ideas on a number of matters connected with Broadcasting in the Colony and would be most grateful if you could so arrange.

2. I mentioned the possibility to Vaughan Williams of the British Broadcasting Corporation when I was in London last year and he thought there should be no difficulty.

3. I would like McNaughton to obtain a brief insight into the general subject of broadcasting with particular reference to studio layout, acoustics and sound proofing, re-diffusion equipment, programme construction and schools broadcasts.

Reply at 94

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4. Provision of \$11,700 has been made in the 1952/53 Estimates for purchase of studio and equipment and I am anxious to obtain the maximum benefit therefrom.

GOVERNOR.

VP

10/10/52

H.C.S.,

We spoke some time ago and I was to give you some of my ideas on Broadcasting to assist you to make recommendations to H.E. I have thought about the matter over the holiday period and some comments follow which I hope will be useful.

I believe H.E. would agree:-

(1) That the idea of having a Committee to organise programmes has worked very well up to a point, and that the variety and entertainment-value of local broadcasting has improved greatly over the last year. Mrs Cawkell's enthusiasm has played a large part in this.

(2) That the general principle of free discussion on the air on a wide variety of topics including those closely affecting the lives of the people, is, in itself, a good thing. The free exchange of honestly-held and responsibly-expressed viewpoints is necessary in a healthy community.

(Except that I cannot have this. my long cos ordinary Court!!)

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On the other hand I feel he would also:-

(a) Welcome having an officer responsible for the whole matter of Broadcasting, to whom he could issue guidance from time to time, and to whom questions affecting broadcasting could be referred in the first instance.

(b) Wish us to bear in mind the increasing range of our transmitting equipment - we shall shortly be received regularly by listeners in parts of South America as well as in the Dependencies. Our programmes should therefore be conducted with efficiency and dignity so as to reflect general credit on the Colony and its people.

/ (c)

(c) Want to ensure that the needs of listeners in the Dependencies are kept in mind and that suitable programmes are broadcast to them from time to time, in so far as the available facilities allow.

(d) Want to make sure that the facilities provided for expressing personal opinions are not used merely to air grievances without constructive comment. All remarks should be made in a responsible manner and, in so far as it is possible, all criticism should be of a constructive rather than of a destructive nature. In particular, there should be no question of airing personal views in broadcast news bulletins; and when programmes of the "Open Forum" and "Speak Your Mind" type are scheduled, care should be taken to ensure that the teams chosen are comprised of responsible citizens chosen from various sections of the community. Such arrangements make to better entertainment as well as fairer comment.

After over a year as Chairman of the present Broadcast Committee I am confident that (b) to (d) can not readily be covered by a Committee owing to the divergences of opinion which frequently arise in it, and that H.E. should invest final authority for broadcasting in a single officer - "Director of Broadcasting", "Controller of Broadcasting", "Broadcasting Officer" or what you will - to be advised by the Broadcasting Committee in the same way as Mr Mercer is at present except that he, and not they, would be finally responsible. The officer concerned could be provided with general guidance in the form of a sort of "charter" (a copy of which could be provided to the Committee) and instructed that he was to accept the advice of the Committee except when this did not appear to him to be in accordance with the provisions of the charter. Thus he would be able to amend programme arrangements,

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introduce additional programmes and so on, provided he was convinced that such changes, additions etc. were required by the provisions of his general instructions.

The "Charter" might be on these lines:

(1) As Controller of Broadcasting you are to be responsible for all broadcast programmes emanating from the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station at Stanley.

(2) You are to work in close co-operation with the Supt. Post and Telegraphs Department who will continue to be responsible for the provision and maintenance of the technical equipment required for broadcasting.

(3) You are to make every effort to improve the efficiency, entertainment value and general usefulness of the broadcasting arrangements, bearing in mind the particular needs of listeners in the Camp and in the Dependencies.

(4) You are to take all reasonable steps to ensure that Broadcasting offers facilities for the expression of opinions and for useful discussion on various topics. You are to do all in your power, however, to ensure that opinions are expressed in a responsible manner, that criticism is constructive and useful and that, when open discussion takes place, teams are chosen in such a way as to be likely to produce varied viewpoints on the topics in question.

(5) You are to endeavour further to improve the value of News Broadcasts to the Camp and the Dependencies and are to ensure that the news readers confine themselves to news and general comment and do not express their personal views on controversial topics.

/ (6)

(6) You are to be advised on the contents of broadcast programmes by the Broadcast Advisory Committee and you are to be prepared to justify to the Governor any changes which you make in the Committee's arrangements on the basis of these general instructions. The Committee are to seek your approval before incurring expenditure for materials for broadcasting e.g. gramophone records, plays, transcriptions etc. for which provision is made in the Estimates.

Finally, H.E. has accepted the principle that we should have changes in the composition of the Committee from time to time. The present Committee has been in office since November 1950 but (because of leave and so on) only Mr Cawkell and I have served continuously during this period. H.E. will probably now wish to invite either the Rev. Steele or Mr McWhan to fill the seat vacated by the Rev. Lloyd-Jones, and to retire two other members in favour of "new blood". I would like to suggest that I should be one of the retiring members - I have served as Chairman for fourteen months and I shall be going on leave in June this year. (The post of Chairman will not be such a responsible one if an Executive Officer is appointed). For the two new members I would suggest consideration to:-

Mr Arthur Biggs.

Mr David Howard.

Mr Richard Hills.

Miss Onions.

Mr R.V. Goss.

Mr John Bound.

Miss Hargreaves.

Mr E. Enestrom

Mr Booth.

Mr H. Bennett.

Mr. W. Hirtle,

Mr L. Gleadell.

Miss Sheila Sedgewick.

You can probably think of others.

BW
30/4/52
(88)

Saving.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of.....RAIKIANG ISLANDS.....

Date 9 April, 1952.No. 73 Saving.

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Your Savingram No. 84 Colony of 13th March.

Broadcasting.

The B.B.C. will be pleased to arrange a short attachment of about 3 weeks in order that Mr. McNaughton can obtain advice and ideas on broadcasting matters.

2. Please advise date of arrival in the U.K.

See 136

(Cmo to Mr. Mc)

SECEP.

Mc

Cmo. 1.5.52
Dis. of Broadcasting

Reply at 96.

2 notes, pl.
75.

H.C.S.

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It noted thank you. The precise programme for my stay in U.K. will be determined only when I get there. I plan to visit London as soon as I reach England, stay only a few days attending to urgent business and fixing a programme for a later visit — and then go home to Scotland for a rest. It would therefore be most convenient to me if I could visit Colonial Office and/or the B.B.C. then, and arrange a suitable time for the attachment. Could this be arranged please?

D. Man

12-5-52.

Y^{rs} may like to see (95) before I
reply in terms of (95).

(13) 5

Seen
inc. 14/V.

F. I. ref: 0663
C. O. ref: 96834/N

Copy to Mr. McNaughton

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 15th May, 1952.

No. 115. SAVING COLONY.

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Your Saving Telegram No. 73, Colony, of the 9th of April, 1952. Broadcasting.

I am most grateful to British Broadcasting Corporation for their co-operation.

2. Mr. McNaughton will arrive home about mid-July and would prefer period of attachment to be about end of August.

3. It would however be most convenient if he could call in on arrival and finalise dates then.

GOVERNOR.

file
15.

28.7.52

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Broadcasting

Y.H.

From the latest information to hand, put forward by the London authorities - BBC Ref 02//SC/LWT of 27th March 1952- and in particular the last paragraph, it was suggested we measure the field strength of our M.F. Transmitter of $3\frac{1}{2}$ KW, in order to estimate the coverage of the transmitter now on order (5 KW set). Without interfering with the circuit of our M.F. set it was not possible to shift the frequency sufficient to cover the broadcast receivers on distant stations. However, we did arrange for our smaller transmitter of 500 watts to run the broadcast service of 600 kc/s and this has been in operation since the first few days in June. The reports have been most satisfactory, good loudspeaker reception at all places.

The set has been running together with the 3440 kc/s transmitter and reports indicate that the 600 kc/s service is far better than the 3440 kc/s transmitter has been at its best time of the year.

In view of these facts the 500 watt transmitter seems to meet the needs and with a higher aerial and extensive earth system, it would appear that little more is required. However, we must remember that we are no longer allowed to use the present band of 3440 kc/s for Broadcasting and some other means or frequency must be sought to meet South Georgia and Bases in the Winter. I doubt whether the new 5 KW set which in any case will hardly cover these islands, theoretically, could ever hope to reach the Dependencies. It would in any case be of no service at South Georgia for interference from factories in summer time.

The Broadcast technical committee will deliberate on the subject within a few days and I think it will be better on paper and finalise the results by a meeting.

It would be interesting to know what arrangement the Colonial Office authorities were thinking of when they estimated the aerial system with masts etc at £2500. That was the only figure we had to go on, and from the BBC ideas, it is only a third of what they consider is essential.

We are continuing the 600 transmissions and daily reports are being received.

Y.H. SPT
28/7/52

CS to 24 PA

Saw J. 25

25/7

25/7

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MEMORANDUM

Director of Broadcasting

Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

13.8.52.

Interference from Ionospheric Stn.

1. I understand from the notice broadcast last night, and confirmed by Mr. Mortimer in charge of the Ionospheric Stn., that the eclipse of the sun on August 20th will lead to increased activity by his station with correspondingly increased interference with local broadcast reception.
2. The plan, as I gather, is that for five days before the eclipse and for five days after there will be some activity every fifteen minutes by the ionospheric station between the hours of nine and three and that on the day of the eclipse this will continue for 24 hours.
3. I think that as the Broadcast Advisory Committee is responsible for the listening end of local broadcasting (whether it comes from our station or from the BBC) we should have been told of this plan and asked to comment on it and be given reasonable time to re-arrange programmes (Wednesday, the day of the eclipse), we have a lot on).
4. When the ionospheric station was set up it was understood that the interference, which was expected to be hourly, would be such that only one word in a news item was lost. This small period has already grown to two minutes and affects all wirelesses in the East of Stanley and to a lesser extent in the West. In addition a complete half-hour every morning (11.00-11.30) is given over to some

Reply at 102.

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emission which blocks out all reception in East Stanley.

5. I understand from Mr. Mortimer that this programme will be carried out in England but there is no interference with local reception there as medium and long waves are used and the transmitters are more powerful.

6. My point in writing is to ask if the Ionospheric Staff may be asked if it is really necessary to adhere to this eleven day programme and also to obtain an assurance from them that their activities on normal days, which are already ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ causing more interference than was anticipated, are not going to be increased and cause more inconvenience. And that if it is necessary for them to do special work or ~~to~~ increase their normal daily activity the B.A.C. be informed beforehand.

Ch. Cowles

D/B

Copies to: Mr. Mortimer, Ionospheric Station.
Secretary, B.A.C.

The file 0167 will papers re
Ionospheric interference are locked
to Office. HCS thinks it may be
at 06.41

501 to 512

2.41.

P. 98.99.

S.P.T. is always given, general question of

X

When the Commission has been established it was
in the understanding that the work would not
be done with the Commission (1944) as
the Commission was not set up on this basis
though it appears that the Commission of 1944 should
have been set up before the work was started
1943, which was put out, although I have little
doubt the Commission would have been established in
the light of the action which was taken in
the U.S.

of the work should
be done in
the U.S.

Para 2. 8.98.

Some of the information in the
9.30 am - 2.30 pm on all days and
the only time I remember it with any
with in that on Sunday - which is
starting anyway.

Para 3. 7.98.

I am fairly sure that 1946 is responsible
for the ending of 1946. I remember
although the name of course is different.

Para 6. 7.99.

I am little point in writing which
the Commission was meeting when
we had earlier advice that it was not.
The Commission to be set up 1945 must
obtain first approval for financial reasons, and
the Commission being given it will be notified
to the A.C.

End.

X above, was with a confidential
given me in plain by S.P.T. - also

13/8

in meeting again in 1947 - 0031/3 attached
although not in writing in 1947

13/8

CS. The Commission had been in 0031/3.
As you point out Commission for this Commission
would not have been until - 1947. C
no to 1947.

is not warning BAC — it certainly never entered
my head but on the other hand I did not
think that the interference \mathcal{I} was so severe
as \mathcal{I} alleged.

3) Draft up to (98) at cover.

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14th August, 52.

To: Director of Broadcasting,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Interference from Ionospheric Station.

98 I am directed to refer to your memorandum of the 13th of August, 1952, and to ~~express regret~~ that you did not receive notification of the Ionospheric Station's increased activity during the period of the eclipse sufficiently in advance to enable you to adjust your programmes. It is however understood that the periods of activity do not coincide with local broadcasts.

2. On the general subject of ionospheric interference I am to advise you that the whole question is under investigation with a view to its elimination or reduction to a negligible amount.

3. With regard to your paragraph 6 I am to inform you that Government has approved the carrying out of this programme.

(Sgd) J. E. Briscoe

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

VP

PA:js

22nd August, 1952. 103

0438/II

Y.H.

I have to submit that very good reports on the reception of our 600 kc/s broadcast transmissions continue to come in from the West and East Falklands. Contrary to expectations, we have also had fair reports from the Dependencies bases. While the committee has not yet agreed that the present 500 watt transmitter is meeting the requirements, evidence is available to shew that the service is far better than ever before, and at the additional expense of higher masts and an improved earth system considerable improvement can still be made.

If the new 5 K.W. set is installed the aerial system suggested is a 'T' type supported on galvanised steel masts 160 feet high. Masts as supplied by Messrs Courbro & Scrutton Ltd 11 West India Dock Road, London E.14.

2. In connection with the improved w/t services at South Georgia His Excellency wished to know the results of my letter to Messrs Preece Cardew & Rider on underwater aerial feeder cables. Mr Winson the radio expert at the above firm advises on two methods of meeting the difficulties at South Georgia, and said that if Sir Miles is calling at the offices of the above firm while in London, Mr Winson will be ready to discuss the problem.

3. In connection with the receiving aerials for the new broadcast equipment now being prepared by the G.P.O. Engineers, we have found that masts we proposed to use for these aerials (Rhombics) are not suitable for periods longer than two to three years, and in these circumstances I consider we will have to obtain suitable masts from the U.K. Specifications of suitable masts are available here and I am writing to the Engineering section of the G.P.O. by this mail on the receiving masts and underground coaxial cable to be used for these aerials.

S.P.T.
S.P.T.

22.8.52

Ben *ps.*
12.8

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

28.7.53

To

~~LT COLLECT BROADCASTS LONDON~~

ENGINEERING INFORMATION STOP WE RELAY YOUR GRI 2245 TO 2315 GMT EACH
NIGHT RECEPTION REGULARLY VERY GOOD STOP GVR 1630 TO 1700 SUNDAY 26th
VERY POOR GRATEFUL REPETITION NEWS LETTER.

BROADCASTS.

flow

Time

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D/B (Hugh CS),

S. Georgia complain that they cannot hear our local broadcast and that BBC reception is equally bad. The Oages receive the special Ind. Office weekly broadcast (the suspension of which they deplore but understand) very well, on the whole, and I can't think why S.G. shouldn't too. What the new 5 k/w. transmitter help at all? Probably not as it is Medium Wave?

2. Could we continue to experiment and, if all fails, send them a weekly summary (world news, local news - if of interest - and sports news) on C/W once a week?

3. Alternatively, would there be any benefit in getting them a Melchreiter?

4. If we have any redundant BBC transcription could we send them down? Olsen (Tansberg Co. Music) has a tape-recorder and runs a little broadcast every evening. ^x

the 2
XII

on 2.14 on.

H.C.S.

H.E.'s minute at 105/106. I considered it likely (I.S.P. & T. agrees) that we shall be able to give S. Georgia and bases a reasonable service when we get the 5 Kw. set operating and can move the smaller sets from the Studio to the w/r station. This will be the real answer if it works - we can relay the sports and general news in English every evening and try doing the same for Oslo (I am whom I am receiving short-wave transmission schedules).

We hope that the operation of the new transmitter will not be delayed much longer, and we can be confident that it will ^{be} on the air by next winter when our friends at S. Georgia will have more time to listen in the meantime:

c/w news summaries:

It would be possible for VPC to copy news broadcasts from U.K. and retransmit to S. Georgia as a telegram, but VPC are probably sufficiently busy at this time without any further burdens?

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Helschreiber:

There would be no benefit in this - it requires a strong signal with a minimum of background noise & this would be unavailable for long periods at S. Georgia.

B.B.C. transcriptions:

Our agreement with the B.B.C. on this is very strict and we should have to seek special authority. Also the records are very large and cannot be played on normal commercial record-players, though we have modified two to do so. I'll investigate this question if H.E. considers it necessary. We could get commercial recordings of music on tape for this via from the Towers Agency in London, but by the time we had organised it I think our transmitters should be doing the job. On the whole I don't think we'll gain much from this action.

H.E. may not have seen my ~~at~~ ⁽¹¹¹⁾ in ~~att 3~~ G. attached and may be interested in the interim reply at B.C. that file.

D.M.
O/S
16/12.

(File)

S/P&T

Would reception conditions
at South Georgia preclude the
efficient operation of a
Helschreiber unit? What is
Companie's complaint that they
do not receive BBC well
and are consequently adrift
with the world news. I would
like to help them in any way
possible.

MC. 9/
xii

Y.E.

Signals from UK fall
out completely during winter
months at S.G. and I doubt
whether the Hell Printer would
~~have~~ receive anything either.

It may be possible to
copy Press here by Morse or
on Hell Printer, re-edit and
transmit as a Press message
to A.O. S.G.

We need to do this for the West
Falklands before Broadcast receivers
were imported.

While this may not be the solution
S.G. will have news on some
days each week?

SM, ST

14.12.53

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Broadcasting Department,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
South Atlantic.

June 19th, 1953.

By Air Mail

Thorstein Diesen,
Programme Director,
Norsk Rikskringkasting,
Suhmsgate, 23,
Oslo, Norway,

Copy to: Miss Penfold,
Broadcasting Dept.,
Norway House,
Cockspur Street,
Trafalgar Square,
London, England.

Dear Sir,

As you are no doubt aware, the island of South Georgia, one of the Dependencies of the Falkland Islands, lying about 800 miles east and somewhat to the south of them, is an important Base for the whaling fleets of the Southern Ocean. The population of the island consists almost entirely of men employed at the whaling stations at Grytviken, Stromness, Leith and Husvik. Their number varies from about 1,400, during the busy summer season, to less than half that total during the winter when those who are left are concerned mainly with the repair of catchers and other small vessels in preparation for the following season. A very large proportion of these men are Norwegians.

The Governor of the Falkland Islands is most anxious to provide useful services to the whaling communities, and has recently instructed me to investigate the possibility of supplying them with broadcast programmes from Stanley. He is all the more anxious to do this since he has learned that, during the winter when working hours are shortest and the whalers have most time to listen, reception of your transmissions from Oslo is often difficult and only really satisfactory during very settled periods.

At the present time we are not in a position to offer a satisfactory service to South Georgia but we are very hopeful of remedying this shortly. The Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station at Stanley is being completely re-equipped and facilities will be available for playing records and transcriptions of all normal types (33 $\frac{1}{3}$, 45 and 78 r.p.m.). In addition, a tape recording machine will be installed and a special system of diversity reception using two spaced rhombic receiving antennae and an electronic switch, will be used to ensure adequate reception of European short-wave broadcasts. A 5 Kw medium-wave transmitter will be erected and is expected to give good service during the winter at South Georgia, where experimental transmissions on very low power have already been received with some success. If necessary this service will be supplemented by several smaller transmitters operating on shorter wavelengths.

We are, of course, a very small organisation, and any service which we can provide will, in the first instance at least, be very modest. Two ways in which we

/ might be able

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might be able to help are these:

1. By recording short-wave news and other broadcasts from Oslo and rebroadcasting them to South Georgia. We have at least one person in the Colony who can speak fluent Norwegian and he would be prepared to assist this project.
2. By broadcasting Norwegian gramophone records or (even better) transcriptions of Norwegian programmes received by post from Norway. (We are already making extensive use of the Transcription Service of the British Broadcasting Corporation).

I should be most grateful to have your comments on these proposals and to learn to what extent Norsk Rikskringkasting might be able to assist. Could you please Air Mail me programme schedules for your short-wave transmissions beamed to this area, and advise me of details of programmes containing news of districts from which the whalers come? Does Norsk Rikskringkasting operate a transcription service and, if so, could you supply me with some transcriptions or records? During my visit to London last year I called on Miss Penfold at Norway House and the Cultural Attache at the Embassy, but unfortunately both were on leave at the time. I obtained your address from the Overseas Liaison Section of the B.B.C. and will be very pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience. The Governor attaches considerable importance to this work and I am anxious to produce some concrete results as soon as possible.

I am, Sir,
Yours sincerely

(D. McNaughton)
Director of Broadcasting,
Falkland Islands.

p/r
22/6



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NORSK RIKSKRINGKASTING

SENTRALBORD 46 30 20 / TELEGRAMADRESSE STUDIO / SUHMSGATE 23

TD/NL

OSLO , 3rd July 1953.

Mr. D. McNaughton,
Director of Broadcasting,
Broadcasting Department,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
South Atlantic.

Dear Mr. McNaughton,

We are in receipt of your letter of 19th June and have noted the contents.

We are very interested in helping you in one way or the other, but I will already now inform you that we have no regular Transcription Service, and it will not be possible for us to establish a regular supply of programmes suited for transmission directed towards South Georgia. However, we must be able to do something to help you, and I will discuss the problem with my collaborators when the holidays are over and we are back to normal again.

I have already to-day given our Shortwave Department your letter with the remark that the Department informs you directly about what reports we have on how our programmes are received around South Georgia. I am also asking them to forward on to you our programme schedules and other information that might be of interest to you.

Yours sincerely

Thorstein Diesen

(Thorstein Diesen).

Programme Director.

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A

or the 40 watts
on Short Wave!

It looks as if we shall have
to fumble on our 5 kw. doing the
trick. Failing that or if it is
delayed we should introduce a
press scheme for sending news
bulletins by ~~us~~ w/f. Broadcast
Secretary should be able to arrange.

Qos.

NCS

B

12/12

May I be informed, meanwhile of progress
with the new 5 kw. transmitter?

2 When is the studio rec. diffusion equipment
expected

3. What arrangements have we made about
getting GPO engineer out?

MC 17
X10

SPT will you please comment on paras. 1) & 2) of
H's minute & I will explain position
re para 3. 20/12

Mr C.S. The 5 KW transmitter has almost been assembled.
we have 2 motors to bed down and lay some wiring and
copper strip. By the time the power cable is connected
the transmitter should be ready for testing on a dummy
antenna.

I am expecting the Studios equipment by the Messrs N about
mid January.

SPT
21.12.53

115
y.c.

(114)³

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Pre re (114)³

As repair, G.P.O. Engineer (now appd by S.P.C.)
Our program is at (27) 0802 & I
will send them a letter.

29/12

B

I would have preferred to have had him out earlier -
S/P expects to be in the air with the new hammer
next week and if the ^{anchors and re-staffman} equipment comes on 2nd October
we should be able to get on with the job without
undue delay. We must certainly ask for the services
of Mr. Halford (32 on 0802 below which I had not previously
seen) as secondment and his visit should not be
too rushed - no one spoiling the ship -

Action a
subject for
35
0802

What are the prospects of getting the Ajax compressor -
even if only on loan - there is urgent work for it to
do at the W.F. Station.

MC 29
XII

y.c.

X/above

Ajax Bay cannot let us have the
compressor until they have finished the
floor of the skin shed. The work
has not yet begun but they intend
to complete it before the killing season.
We also want it for the house.

I know

29/12

MC 29
XII

Compressor now with P.W.D.

2. Bros repair re. some G.P.O. Engineer

BM 15/1/54

15/1

ACS

Del. correct refer

A

Q.

I would like to have
to go down in St. Daniel Bay
with the new AO and
see all the Whaling Company
Managers with the object of
ascertaining what we can do
to help them on the Communications
and Broadcasting side.

B.

but

ACF for ask left to
ofk early. Q3

MC 57
S.C. 57
Acas. & P

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Hon C.S.

Since I spoke with
HE. we have issued a
contract to erect masts and
feeder lines in an attempt - to get
sufficient work completed before
GPO engineers arrive. and I
would like to postpone my visit
to SG until after the work with
GPO engineers is finished, subject
to your approval.

I can approach the AO now in
Stanbury and the Managers at SG
by radio on the question at issue
to enable a start to be made.

When can I speak to ?

P.A.

ALL ST
12.3.54

Could you kindly arrange
interviews re.

Q
12/3.

Mr. Mears has appointment at 10.30 am
13/3/54.

Note.

(116) discussed with SPT and decided that he will not have time to do this, ^{also} get new B-casting equipment read, for SPT Engineer. Also his discussions would not be so as more useful after this new equipment has been tested.

He will therefore ~~so~~ discuss the matter telegraphically in the first instance and at the same time brief the Survey as to his general proposals.

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p.A

D/B.

I understand that the announcements broadcast at 8.15 p.m. Stanley time are not at present being heard in the Camp, and it has been suggested that if they could be put out an hour earlier reception would be better.

Can anything be done?

J.E.B.
17/3/54

A/C.S.

We have asked Campers to advise us:

- ① How late they can hear Stanley well.
- ② What time they suggest for announcements.

To put them forward an hour means 7.15 now but 6.15 shortly and it is difficult to get our part-time announcers in the Studio by then — Terry Biggs, for example, is frequently still at the Hospital. Perhaps we could do them in the late afternoon — say at 4.30 before Charlie Kieve finishes for the day; but that might not suit the Camp? So we are trying to get information & will do something soon.

The complete answer to reception problems in the Camp should be the new transmitter. S.P. & T. tells me

12th July, 1954.

To The Honourable
Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From. Superintendent
Posts & Telegraphs Dept,
Stanley.

Subject. Broadcasting.

I beg to report that the Rediffusion equipment has been working satisfactorily for some weeks now and the decoration is sufficiently completed for an official opening.

To operate the new equipment, the GPO engineer insists, and I entirely agree, that someone understanding the engineering side of the installation be in attendance with announcers when programmes are provided. This can be arranged by having messers Reive and Fuhlendorff of this department, to operate as studio engineers week about and at additional remuneration. For your consideration I propose that payment of £72 each per annum be paid for this service.

The present arrangement will not work on the new equipment, because the new instruments will be in the control room and normal services will require technical knowledge to control the equipment as well as the broadcast transmitter. Normal programmes will be operated from the Studio through the new control room which will be in charge of an engineer attendant.

Will you approve please ?.

A. Mercer.

Superintendent
12.7.54

Reply at 122

*Offered
SPT W, dc
for Bill
Unclapp. memo. 12/8
A. H. S.*

13th July,

54.

To: Superintendent Posts & Telegraphs

From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Payment to Studio Engineers.

121 I am directed to refer to your Memorandum of 12th July, 1954, and to inform you that approval has been granted for the payment of £72 per annum to each of the 2 studio engineers. You should submit an A.I.S.E. for the additional expenditure in due course,

(Sgd) C. Campbell.

Colonial Secretary.

Copies to: Treasury
Auditor

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DRM/LJH.

Memorandum.

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19th July, 1954.

To The Honourable
Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From Superintendent
Posts & Telegraphs Dept,
Stanley.

Subject Payment to Studio Engineers.

With reference to my Memo of 12th July 1954 on the question of payment to studio engineers, I find that the figure proposed by me gives the persons concerned considerably less pay than announcers. I was not aware at the time of what times the announcers work, but there are four of them working with two engineers making twice the working time for engineers. Actually the engineers must work longer. To adjust the difference engineers should be paid at £96 p.a. instead of £72 p.a.

Will you approve the amendment please ?.

A. Mercer
S.P.T.
19.7.54



Reply at 124

Appd.
20/7

21st July,

54.

To: Superintendent Posts & Telegraphs

From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Payment to Studio Engineers.

123 I am directed to refer to your Memorandum of 19th July, 1954, and to inform you that approval has been granted for the payment of £96 per annum to each of the 2 studio engineers. ^{we/16754} you should submit an A.I.S.E. for the additional expenditure in due course. My Memorandum of the 13th July, 1954, is cancelled.

(Sgd) C. Campbell
Colonial Secretary.

Copies to: Treasury
Auditor

DRM/LJH.

H.E.S.
if. BU - 120 pl.
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PIA Q
28/7
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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" VIA RADIO.



Stanley,

3rd January

1955

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The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

Sir,

Landing of mail ex H.M.S. "VERYAN BAY".

No copy
With reference to previous correspondence on this matter
I now enclose Harbour Master's letter dated 20th December 1954,
and copy of my reply thereto of today's date.

Please be good enough to return the correspondence in due
course.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. Danton

MANAGER.

Returned with (615)

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6/1.

Reply at ~~645~~ 126

Copies to H.M. - see footnote
of.

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~~615~~

0604/IV

4th January,

55.

Sir,

Landing of Mail ex H.M.S. Veryan Bay.

125 ~~124~~
I am directed to refer to your letter of the 3rd of January, 1954, enclosing copies of correspondence you have had with the Harbour Master on the subject of a recent news broadcast and to express regret that an item was included in a Government sponsored broadcast which could be construed as derogatory to your Company and which caused you annoyance.

The circumstances were unfortunate in that the message was telephoned in the middle of the broadcast and the news reader had insufficient time to sort out and digest the information and the Director of Broadcasting is being requested to take such steps as are possible to prevent a recurrence in the future.

I am,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(3rd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

The Manager,
Falkland Islands Company, Limited,
STANLEY.

CC/VP

~~XX~~
Director of Broadcasting. You may care to peruse the correspondence in the office and let me have your views in due course. I would like to suggest that news readers be advised that they have ultimate discretion in editing news though this might give rise to complications in the case of official "hand-outs" emanating from this office. It might, however be wise to have a standing instruction that corrections are only read out at the end of the news when the reader has had time to digest them.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

4th January, 55.

To: The Harbour Master,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Landing of Mail ex H.M.S. Veryan Bay.

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In forwarding a copy of my letter to the Manager, Falkland Islands Company, I am to request that in future you will ensure that items of news emanating from your Department reach the reader in the correct form.

(Sgd.) C. Campbell.

Colonial Secretary.

Bel. 669 on in 6604/IV
22/1/55
8/11
16
2/11

● Confidential

Care of:

128 X
WAVERLEY HOUSE,
PORT STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS,
S. AMERICA.

Temporarily in London,

14th March, 1955

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Campbell,

I understand that towards the end of February some person made a broadcast at Port Stanley in which certain uncomplimentary statements were 'put on the air' about the Republic of Uruguay, and particularly about its Government.

Given the very friendly relations that have at all times existed I take it that the person concerned made his remarks without any official standing, and possibly he has already been suitably dealt with.

However, in case it may be necessary to report to the Ministry of Foreign Relations in Montevideo, with a view to preventing this lapse (if it was a lapse) from causing any further unpleasantness, may I ask you to be so kind as to furnish me with a copy of the said broadcast, plus any statement you may care to furnish me with on this same subject.

The weather in London has been very trying indeed for the past 3 months - I have certainly never been so uncomfortably cold in my life. Frost is again predicted for tonight but at this moment 'old sol' is streaming valiantly into this pleasant lounge. And there is a blue tit busy gorging itself on the coconut hanging on the bush outside.

With my kind regards and compliments to both you and Mrs. Campbell, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Vice Consul for Uruguay.

Hon. Colin Campbell, Esq. O.B.E.
Colonial Secretariat
Port Stanley
Falkland Islands.

Reply at 129.

220 Pse submit full
report of circumstances
early plus copy of
pending passage of you
have it
5/4

That will provide
evidence that our
attitude with the
Government and local
people

15th April, 1955.

Dear Mr. Rowe,

28 Would you please refer to your personal letter of the 14th of November, 1954, on the subject of certain uncomplimentary remarks about the Republic of Uruguay being broadcast over the Stanley Radio. I much regret to confirm that such remarks were made but hasten to add that they were not only untrue but quite unauthorised and that this Government dissociates itself entirely from them.

The circumstances were as follows - when the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey annual relief party arrived in Stanley on the 17th of February in transit to the Antarctic bases a number of them were asked to give short personal descriptive talks on the radio. This is a normal practice with visitors to the Colony in order to lend variety to our necessarily limited service. Unfortunately one member of the party in his talk elected to mention that on arrival at Montevideo he sensed that indefinable odour which one associates with bad drainage and bad Government!

Though dissociating itself from such a remark Government must perforce accept some responsibility for its publicity since a stricter official censorship of the script would have prevented the incident and resulted in the deletion of the offending passage. I must therefore ask you to accept this Government's sincere apologies for this unfortunate and unwarranted discourtesy together with the assurance that steps are being taken to ensure as far as possible that no similar instance occurs in future.

In conclusion I wish to endorse your reference to the very friendly relations that have at all times existed between our respective Governments and to express the hope that you will regard this incident as an isolated case of irresponsibility on the part of a private person which should in no way effect these relations.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) C. Campbell

E.G. Rowe, Esq.,
c/o Glenfield Lodge,
8, Foxhill,
Upper Norwood, S.E. 19.

See 140

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19/4

EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM MR. C. CAMPBELL, O.B.E. TO
HON. COL. SEC. of 19. 5. 55.

(Original filed in O157 - Sealing in the Falkland Islands).

.....

I later mentioned the F.I.D.S. broadcast incident to Attlee
(1st Sec.) and discussed the effect it might have on
relations at the present time. Though he agreed with me
that Rowe is unlikely to take it further he asked if he
could have copies of the correspondence just in case it is
shot at them suddenly. Could you oblige?

.....

F. I. Ref: 0663

131.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

See 130

The Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands, presents his compliments to the First Secretary, British Embassy, Montevideo, and with reference to the latter's recent conversation with Mr. Colin Campbell (late Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands) has the honour to enclose herewith for information copies of correspondence with the Vice Consul for Uruguay on the subject of a certain broadcast over the Stanley radio.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
STANLEY.

JB/VP 25th May, 1955.

Re
26/5

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A.C.S.
●—

I understood that McNaughton once did
a weeks attachment at the B.B.C. and he is
keen to do a few days there again to discuss our
local broadcasting problems and send us in a
brief report.

Would you look into this and see what can
be done. It is good policy to keep in touch
with the B.B.C.

A.G.T.
14/6.

Offie, k. L 15/6
A.C.S.

87, 88, 94, 95, 96 refer
W.M.
15/6/55

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				16.6.55
To	MCNAUGHTON, PITEROY			HOA/C


IF VISIT BEC CAN BE ARRANGED WHAT APPROXIMATE DATE WOULD BE MOST
CONVENIENT TO YOU AND WHAT IS SUGGESTED DURATION OF VISIT.

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Reply at 134

*We shd. get a reply today
or tomorrow - pl. hold the file*

17/6

 ECODE.

TELEGRAM.

134

From McNaughton, ss Fitzroy

To The Colonial Secretary

Despatched 17th June, 1955 Time 1600

Received 18th June, 1955 Time 0900

Due uncertainty plans grateful if I may arrange details
Watrous BBC liaison officer information Department
Colonial Office whom I will contact soon after arrival

MCNAUGHTON

See 133

Reply at 137

135

TELEGRAM

FOUR

yes

132 with 133 & 134. The Colonel

Draft telegrams to S/S & Mr. McNaughton

S. f. c. at G. C. - I will see the particulars
of Mrs. Reed's ship & date of arrival in U.K.

25/6

A.C.S.

lets. as drafted app.

25/6

Issue
25/6

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 21.6.55

Time : 0900

Received :

Time :

94 No.104. Your Savingsgram No.73 of 1952. McNaughton late Director of Broadcasting arriving U.K. 6th July. Very grateful if BBC would again agree short attachment. Person named will contact B.B.C.Liaison Officer shortly after arrival.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE
GOVERNMENT

Reply at 136

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				21.6.55
To	MCMAUGHTON, PASSENGER R.M.S. "ALCANTARA"			HOA/C

COLONIAL OFFICE REQUESTED ARRANGE SHORT ATTACHMENT BBC. PLEASE CALL ON
LIAISON OFFICER AS SUGGESTED.

SECRETARY

[Handwritten signature and initials]
20/6

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

138.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 24.6.55

Time : 1240

Received : 24.6.55 Time : 0900

136

No. 73 Your telegram 104 of 22nd June 1955 McNaughton.
Your request not understood as it appears that McNaughton
is returning to Air Ministry on completion of his contract
with you I am reluctant to approach BBC except where direct
Broadcasting interest is involved.

SECRETARY OF STATE

H.C.S. has seen-B.U.F.

(Intld) JB
24.6.55

Reply at 139

139
DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched : 27.6.55

Time : 1500

Received : Time :

No.107 Your telegram 73 McNaughton. Although person named is returning to Air Ministry he is as late Director of Broadcasting familiar with local broadcasting problems. It was intention that he should discuss these with BBC and submit report to me. Grateful therefore if attachment may be arranged.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE
GOVERNMENT

P/L

SGT/IR

Bel. 20/10
20/6.

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Extract from personal letter to
The Hon. Mr. A.G. Denton-Thompson from
Mr. C.C. Campbell, dated 16th May, 1955.

".....I received the following letter (personal)
from Rowe so I think the incident is closed :-

Dated 3/5/55

The Castle Hotel,
Taunton.

Dear Mr. C

This evening my mail has caught up
with me in this pleasant district and I have
received your kind letter of 15/4 about a
"broadcast". I fully anticipated that the
incident had been adequately dealt with and
have to thank you for the details which you
have been kind enough to send me.

Yours sincerely,

E.G.R

".

C.S. This is an extract from a personal letter to me - and
satisfactorily closes an unfortunate incident. If I
may have the file (radio broadcast in the subject) - I
will write to Colin Campbell and to the Charge d'affaires
in Montevideo.

C.G.T.
15/7.

Office file pl.

19/7

128-31 refiled
21.7.

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C.S.

I should be glad if a copy of this extract
 could go under cover of a third person note to the
 First Secretary at Montevideo to round off the
 correspondence.

By J.F.
 24/6.

C.S.

24/6/1911

142.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

The Acting Colonial Secretary, Falkland Islands, presents his compliments to the First Secretary, British Embassy, Montevideo, and with reference to the Colonial Secretary's letter No. 0663 of the 25th of May, 1955, forwarding copies of correspondence with the Vice Consul for Uruguay on the subject of a certain broadcast over the Stanley radio, is directed to transmit for information the accompanying copy of an extract from a subsequent letter which has been received from the Vice Consul for Uruguay.

140.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
STANLEY.

TA 26th July, 1955.

Mrs. Presumably H.H. has written
as at 140 office may now
be P.A. ? *S* P.A. *S*
27.7.

143 - 145 Ad & passed to

D/B - to be returned i.d.c.

Ben. 25/11

22/11

Colonial Office



143.
c/o Rose Hotel,
Stanley.

18th October, 1955.

Sir,

I have the honour to approach you on the subject of Broadcasting, and would appreciate an interview with you as soon as possible.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T.A. Halls

T.A. HALLS.

The Honourable The Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
S T A N L E Y

*Not in seeing him at 4 pm. Today
3.19/X*

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Halls interviewed. He complains of being 'sacked' by D.G.B. after writing him a very rude letter. If I'd been D.G.B. I'd have done the same thing with a kick in the pants to go with it.

I informed Halls that I was not prepared to interview. The D.G.B. will report the circumstances to the Committee.

A. H. x

Q.A.

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c/o Rose Hotel,
STANLEY.

18th November, 1955.

A

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to approach you regarding
my dismissal as an Announcer from the local Broadcasting
System, and also a subsequent happening.

I would be grateful if you could arrange to
give me a hearing regarding the above matter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T.A. Halls

See 143-144

T.A. HALLS.

B.

A.C.S.

I want Mr. Campbell's comments on
this. I also want to see what I
understand was an extremely discomfiting
letter to Mr. Campbell.

see 6.c

h.g. 11/1
2/11

Confidential.

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D/B.

As re B on 145 pl - see also
143 & 144

Q
52/11

H.C.S.

At h.c.

The letter I received from Mr. Halls is attached together with a copy of my reply.

Mr. Halls rang me up a few days ago and complained that he was paid only for part of the month in which he was dismissed and that as he was engaged on a monthly notice basis he should have been paid for the whole month. I told him that he had not been engaged on a monthly basis and that, as he knew, the appointments were temporary. I also added that I did not pay the enormous ~~sum~~ that the P. & T. Dept. had come out. I thought my ~~idea~~ would be supported there.

Mr. Halls replied that the whole lot of us was really "a disorganised organisation". I replied that it was a matter of opinion and I saw no point in continuing the discussion. He then said he would write the Colonial Secretary. My reply, I believe, was "Well, or something similar".

These enormous men paid £45 per annum and all are temporary until Mrs. Draycott & Mr. Summers take up duties again. When this happens we will be dropped. Unfortunately no letters of appointment, or temporary appointment, were now (as indicated on my part), and they are on ^{of payment} ~~the~~ basis of ~~they~~ ^{they} were employed.

~~147~~ 146a

A.C.S.

I am prepared to give Mr. Halls a hearing - because I think it right that any person should have a hearing. But I can see no reason whatsoever for interviewing and unless he raises something new he will get a piece of my mind. The letter at b.c. is a deliberate piece of effrontery.

I will see him at 9.30. am

X / next Saturday.

C. G. T. T.

27/11

Mr. Halls informed as at X
Bis 2/12
2/12

note.

I saw Mr. Halls who agreed that there was no alternative open to the Directors of Broadcasting other than to discontinue with his services in view of the terms of the letter to (Mr. Halls) sent to Mr. Cunliffe. He apologized.

I said I would take up the question of payment for the remainder of the month and discussed the point with Mr. Cunliffe. He felt that if we continued it would be necessary to make

Expense D.B. Rayner is being made. 2/12/55

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MEMORANDUM

Education.
E100

Superintendent,
Posts and Telegraphs,
Stanley.
15th December, 1955.



I have been thinking over the question of payment to Mr. Halls. The whole matter of his appointment was rather vague and in the circumstances I think we should pay him his salary for the month in which he was dismissed. Can you please arrange this?

See 147 CD&E

Ch. F. C. M.

Superintendent of Education.

Copy to: Colonial Secretary.

*64.7.1
7/11*

Jan

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No.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



MEMORANDUM.

14th July, 19 56

From. Superintendent P & T Dept,
Stanley.

To.

The Honourable
Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Studio Engineers.

With reference to the approved Estimates 1956/57, Head XIII, Sub-C. Broadcasting item 17. I beg to request your approval to pay the Studio Engineers at the rate of £10 per month as from 1st July 1956 of £8 per month as previously paid.

The new rate has been provided for in the Estimates and the increase was discussed with the Draft Estimates.

A. Mervin
Superintendent

Reply at 149.

Y. 26.7.56

0663

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27th July,

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To: Supt. Posts and Telegraphs Dept.

From: Acting Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Studio Engineers.

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I am directed to refer to your Memorandum of 14th July, 1956, regarding the payment of increased rates to the Studio Engineers and to inform you that the Engineers may be paid at the rate of £10 per month with effect from 1st July, 1956.

(SGD.) D. R. Morrison.

for ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY

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SEE

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E100.

Education Office,
Stanley.

17th October, 1955.

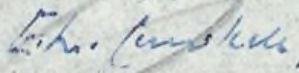
Dear Sir,

You will recollect that when you were appointed as announcer you were told, as were the others, that the posts were temporary ones until Mrs. Draycott and Mr. Summers returned.

I had intended to terminate your appointment on the return of Mrs Draycott next month. But after receiving your letter on Thursday last it is quite obvious that you cannot continue as an announcer. I cannot find it is anything other than a deliberate piece of rudeness. Though I have read it several times to see if it could be construed otherwise. I am, therefore, ending your engagement to-day.

I don't know whether this will affect your giving a programme next Thursday - "That's for me". But if you feel you cannot give it (and I hope you don't feel this) will you please let Mrs. Hamilton know.

Yours faithfully,



Director of Broadcasting.

E. Halls, Esq.,
Stanley.

By to: Secretary, Broadcast Advisory Committee.

c/o Rose Hotel
Stanley.

12th October, 1955.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your circular to all Announcers dated the 11th October, 1955 reference number presumably E.100?

You appear to be adept in the art of letter writing but of course Sir, had I the amount of practice which you appear to be having just lately I am sure that I might in some small measure be able to rival you.

You talk of speakers being introduced as "John Green", etc, and mention that you do not like it. Yet in a previous circular you also mentioned that you did not like Announcers substituting their own words for what was, in fact, the written word. Apparently now that Announcers are adhering solely to what is in fact the written word you still unfortunately do not appear to be satisfied.

May I suggest Sir, that the Secretary of Broadcasting could perhaps remedy your state of displeasure by including the necessary Mr. Mrs. or Miss in the Summary of Programmes which presumably she is responsible for typing.

With regard to notices full of grammatical errors surely this is nothing whatever to do with the Announcers. Our time is fully occupied with answering telephone calls for belated requests, complaints and flight schedules. Surely we are not expected to act as Editors also?

I notice also Sir, that all circulars are headed Education Department although they appertain only to Broadcasting matters. Is this proper?

Yours faithfully,



ANNOUNCER.

E.M. CAWKELL ESQ.,
Director of Broadcasting,